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"CHARITY REJOICETH NOT IN INIQUITY, BUT REJOICETH IN THE TRUTH. "-I Corinthians, viii, 6.

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Ministers Department.

From the Watchman & Reflector. MINISTERS.

The Disparity between the Number of Ministers and the Demand for them.

In proving this I shall have to furnish some statistics. These will relate to our own denomination; but while they do so. they will give us a pretty correct view of the wants of the other parts of the Christian community. We have in the United States about ten thousand Baptist churches. To supply these, we have but about six thousand preachers. It is true, that some of these churches are very small, and frequently three and four of them are supplied by one minister. This is especially true of churches in the South and West. It is also true, that many churches once small are rising to importance, and require the entire services of one man.

Quite a number of our largest churches in the most populous cities and villages of the Union are without pastors, and they are at a loss where to look for them.

The number of our churches is constantly increasing, even at the rate of scores in a year, and this increase must continue. The emigration from our large cities to surrounding villages-these villages having become suburbs by means of railroads-calls constantly for the foremigration from the Eastern to the Wesconvinced that this is so.

for the present and the future? We need them. reckoning the average time of a minis. der. ter's official life at twenty years - we shal! ter the field of labor every year, in order his holy spirit! to keep up the present number. The wants of the denomination cannot be met. if we are to advance, but by a much greater number being thised up every year, prepared for the work, and sent into the field. We have eleven theological Semmaries with an aggregate of about two hundred students. Their course of study being three years, would give us less than sevenly graduates a year .--Many, no doubt, enter the ministry with. Let us notice, somewhat more particularout a theological course, and many with tv. the duties of the office. And we would out any regular education, but taking in premise by way of a negative view of the all, the number that for a few years past subject, that it is clear, from the teachings done to remedy this defect. T. F. C.

TO THE YOUGLICENTIATES IN OUR

therefore for equal success?

brethren, and preach as you have be- error. gun, receiving much commendation both

tern States and from the Old World to the ministry of reconciliation. You will in, then does his duty consist? I reply, Now, from the position of the deacons, had been reduced to order, commerced the New, gives rise to the necessity of have to contend not only with ignorance in a judicious management of the tempo- as the secular officers of the church, we by sea and land had been carried on with multiplying our churches, and increases and sin, but with crafty infidels, and lear. rulities of the church. the demand for ministers. Then there med papists; in fine with all sorts of error are opening every day new fields of labor and vice, of superstition, and fanatism. for special attention to the wants of the marter. It is their duty to see that their are now acquainted, afforded ample ocin the Pagan world, and ministers are re- Your mind is capable of great improve- poor. There was a complaint. The pastors are supported, to urge upon their cupation to numerous families. Fourquired to go as missionaries to them .- ment, and your work calls for an improv. widows of the Hellenistic Jews were neg- brethren the scripturalness and the neces- teen thousand sheep, six thousand cam-Never was there such a demand for ed mind. We have not the requisite pro. lected in the daily ministration. In order sity of ministerial support, and not to rest els, one thousand yelle of oxen, and a thoupreachers as at this hour; and the number portion of educated ministers. By staying that the occasion of these complaints satisfied until the preacher is paid, sand she asses, not only bespoke the needed will never be less, but more and as you are, you remain one of a class al. might be removed, and that the funds of promptly, and to the full amount of what princely rank of Job, but also indicated more. Any one who will examine this reedy large. By getting an education the church has pledged. If all our deas his extensive territorial possessions, oxen subject but a short time, must become you become one of a class yery small, and and judiciously appropriated, the deacons cons were to take this matter properly in being principally employed in the East in very much wanted. Great events are

an addition to our ministry of hundreds of course of study because there is a call for ests of the church. "The office of dear to their poor minister, who has to shuttle, chap, vii: 6.; they made cheese cloudy envelopment. Ere we can realable men. We need, also some twenty more preaching around you. You might cons," says Buck, "originally was to serve follow the plough from Monday morning from milk chap, x: 10.; their gardens ize that distant world of souls, we must missionaries to fill our present mission as well hasten to mow young grass, be- tables, the Lord's table, the minister's until Saturday night, to make bread for were protected by ground-traps and stations; but where are they? "Echo cause it was ready and suffering, with- table, and the poor's table. They took his family. answers where?" Then for the future - out taking time to put your scythe in or-

The Lord give you discretion in this need to have three hundred ministers en- momentous concern, and guide you by

Yours in the gospel, HOWARD MALCOM. August 13, 1849.

Doctrinal.

DUTIES OF DEACONS.

(Continued.)

have entered the ministry, has scarcely of Scripture, that it is not the duty of the served to fill up the places of the deceased deacon to preach the gospel. As we have and disabled; and unless something be already remarked, in most denominations done, this must continue to be so, to an of Christians, deacons have been made extent most disas yous. While it is true ministers. Amongst Roman Catholics That there is a great disparity between the and Episcopalians they constitute one of number of ministers, of all classes, and the orders of the clergy In German the demand for them, it is especially true Protestant churches the assistant minisin reference to one class, - I mean thor- ters are generally called deacons. In the oughly educated ministers. Owing to the Presbyterian churches, the deacon's office growth of education, the march of science. is generally merged in that of ruling elder. the increase of wealth, and the accelera- And the Methodists adopt, substantially, ted advance of mind, preachers of this the practice of their Episcopal ancestry class are more in demand than ever they in this respect. But where is the authorwere at any previous time; but our sup- ity, from the word of God, for investing, ply, or means of supply, is entirely inade- with spiritual and ministerial functions, quate to the demand. La our next article, The incumbent of a secular office ? As in we shall endeavor to show what may be the case of infant baptism, and other human inventions, the opinions and traditions of the Fathers are largely cited .-We are told that Ignatius styles the deacons "ministers of the mysteries of Christ," Dear brethren .-- Have you ever pon- "to whom is committed the ministry of dered this truth-that opportunity creates Jesus Christ." Cyprian, bishop of Carduty, It is not your duty, at this moment, thage we are informed, calls them " minto try to save my life: but if I fell into isters of episcopacy and of the church." the water before your eyes, it would be. Tertullian, a celebrated father of the se-The opportunity would make the duty - cond century, " classes them with bishop So, if there were no College accessible, and presbyters, as guides and leaders to visit the fatherless and widows in their truth plainly, but we have spoken it and no provision by which an education the laity." And Jerome "ranks them was placed within your reach, you might, amongst the guides of the people and diswithout blame stay as you are. Thus tinguishes them from the priests of the many of our older ministers are without second order." But what have we to do without blame, though uneducated; and with the Fathers in ascertaining and setare blessed of God in their work. But tling the sense of Scripture? In biblical can you be equally blameless, and hope interpretation they are confessedly blind guides. And not a few of the grand er-Be assured you have need to consider rors of Popery were canonized by them. this thing. No man is called of God to That Episcopacy, with many of its atdo any thing in a careless manner; or tendant corruptions, was sanctioned by less perfectly than he is able -- no man them, we readily admit : but that Epishas a right to let his usefulness be need- copacy is, therefore, a scriptural and divine lessly hindered, or to let his talents and institution, we utterly deny. Something apportunities be unimproved for want of better must be produced than the tradiwill. Your call to preach is a call to en- tions and the practice of the Futhers .deavor to be "thoroughly furhished" for the Besides, in opposition to the opinions work. If you were called to preach to the above expressed, we can give the testi-Burmese, it would include a call to cross mony of other early writers; and in the the ocean, and to learn the language .- | 18th canon of the Council of Constantino-So your call to preach here, includes a ple, it is said, in reference to Acts vi., that call to improve your mind, to enlarge the seven deacens had no spiritual funcyour knowledge, to have a command of tion assigned them." When we have the here is a duty which presses, with no or Claiming to ourselves many improvelanguage, and to be skillful in the work plain teachings of the Bible before us, dinary weight, upon the Deaconship. We ments,-the fruits of labor and inge of the Lord. Forget not this, for the idea however, we turn away from the traditions have not the space now, nor is it neces- nuity in our own day; and putfed

You have entered upon a great work, in the government of the church. Where- tion and full development of her energies, siderable extent, the operations of war

were appointed. And it therefore fol- hand, a new era would dawn upon our ploughing the soil, and treading out the What, then, are the prospects of supply coming, and we want great men to meet lows that their duty embraced not only denomination; and we would no more corn. the care of the poor, but attention to all hear of some wealthy churches giving church." See Buck's Theol. Dict,

upon the deacon? The house of God than by the deacon? tion and care as may be necessary.

be necessary for him to visit them, to en- cern for his bodily health and comfort, for Idumeans, were the most intellectual, and their real condition. By so doing, he cess and usefulness of his labors. Thus then in existence upon the earth."will gain the approbation of his own con- he will become "a fellow helper to the science, will use the office of a deacon truth," a servant, as his name imports-a poor and the afflicted of the flock; and Christ. And thus, ussing the office of a while ministering to their bodily comfort, deacon well, he will purchase to himself ings. God hath said, "Blessed is he that faith which is in Christ Jesus, considereth the poor" An apostle teach- To our brethren who minister in the es us that, "Pure religion, and undefiled, Deaconship, we affectionately commend affliction, and to keep himself unspotted in love. And in the exercise of the same from the world," "Ye have the poor with you always," says our Lord Jesus Christ, "and whensoever ve will, ye may do them good." There are the poor always in the christian church. Many who are rich in faith are amongst the poorest of this world. What a privilege to be permitted to contribute to their comfort! And how really honored is the deacon, in being the almoner of the church's charity to these poor, whom "God hath chosen, to be rich in faith, and heirs of the kingdom which He hath promised to them that love Him"! "A cup of cold water only, in which Job lived, so far as they can be given in the name of a disciple, shall, in no wise, lose its reward," "Inasmuch as ye have done it uuto one of the least of are evidently those of the most remote these, my brethren, ye have done it unto antiquity; yet they are such as plainly

You may go on as now, dear young of mist-of uncertainty, perplexity, and understood, as little as it is practised in been heretofore made, we are in the the peace that passeth all understands But we are told that Philip, one of the heaven. God has ordained, that they, lagged far behind us in the march of who can be holy; who can maintain this from private members and ministers .- original seven of whose choice and ordi- who preach the gospel, shall live of the science, and that their days was the in- prayerful frame of mind, this fervor of But, remember this praise is founded on nation we read in Acts vi., afterwards gospel. The prosperity of the church, and fancy of all the arts. No decision can devotion? Harken to the answer: "They the consideration that you are but a be- preached the gospel, and baptized the the efficiency of the pastor, depend, in a be more unjust. How is it to be ac- who wait upon the Lord shall renew their ginner, and have had few advantages .- Eunuch. Does not this prove that min- great measure, upon a compliance with counted for, that the gold coins of the strength." "Blessed are they that hunger This sort of proaching, in a few years, isterial functions pertained to the Den- this divine arrangement. And we be early Roman emperors are distinguished and thirst after righteousness, for they when these allowances will cease to be conship? I reply that Philip preached lieve that one great reason why the labo. for the delicacy of their execution, as shall be filled." To whom are these made, will leave you among the unavail and baptized not by virtue of his appoint rers are so few, why so many of our well as for the purity of the metal, and promises addressed? Not to those who ables ! Yet how are you to improve with- ment as deacon, but by virtue of his office churches are almost entirely destitute of the later for their coarseness are slothful and indifferent, but to those out means, and without exertion? Stay as evangelist. He is first introduced to the preached gospel, is because they neg. and alloy? Yet such is the fact. There who wait on the Lord, to those who, as as you are, and there is danger that in a us as a deacon. In that capacity he their duty in this matter—they muzzle are seasons when the arts thrive, and the famishing wanderer longs for food, few years you will find yourself neglected doubtless labored for some time. We the ox that treadeth out the corn; and when they decay, although indepen- hunger and thirst after righteousness .and overlooked; and it may be, with next read of his preaching and baptizing; receive the reward of their covetousness, dently of the lapse of time; nor is it And are we in danger of becoming selfyour temper soured -you may even be, and in Acts xxi. 8., he is called " Phillip in leanness and spiritual desolation. How the particular century or age of the righteous, of trusting to our own works, led to turn somerset and join some other the evangelist." How often does it hap- many Baptist churches with numerous world that affects the prosperity, but to our own holiness? No. be this the denomination, where you hope to be more pen, in the history of Baptist churches, and wealthy members, are satisfied to the condition of mankind and the char- language of our own hearts: appreciated. It is not so with our old that those who have served for a length receive, gratuitiously the services of a seter of the times. Arts and sciences brethren who are uninstructed, because, of time as deacons, finally enter into the poor minister: or, at the end of the are not dependent on the growth of having never enjoyed the opportunity of ministry, and spend the last years of their year, to make up a paltry pittance, years; nor is it likely that in the last improvement. God knows and blesses lives in preaching the gospel. | which they would be ashamed to age of the world they will excel all their Let it be borne in mind, 1. that this of offer to a common mechanic for a few former excellence; and if this be allow-Have you, my young brethren, ever fice was instituted to relieve the minis- days' manual labor! And how may of ed, it need excite no wonder that in given this subject sufficient attention? It ters of the word from temporal cares: 2. our churches make promises which are Job's day, which might comparatively is time you did. God expects his servants that in the instructions intended for dea- never performed! They receive the ser- be called the morning of the world's exto use the advantages which he places cons, no reference is made to preaching: vices of their minister, but forget their istence, they might be found to have within their reach. Here is your college 3. that in the epistles, the bishops and corresponding obligations -other engage- arrived at a perfection and extent which where you may be taught for nothing .- deacons are mentioned as church officers; ments are complied with, but the pledges | we are in general backward to attribute dread entrance to eternity. We travel * * You may have friends -and we think it conclusive that it can- of ministerial support are lost sight of, to them. "The book displays a state of sowho will help you to clothes-or you not be the duty of the deacon to preach and never redeemed. These things are a ciety in which a graduation of classes men, up to this mysterious spot, and there may teach school three months in a year, the gospel. And if it is not his duty to reproach to our Zion, and must be cor- was acknowledged, the sciences were without interrupting your studies, and administer the ordinances; nor is he rected ere we can hope for those blessed cultivated, the fine arts were not unmation of new churches. The tide of thus go thro' on your own resources. vested with any extraordinary authority triumphs which shall attend the concentra- known, fuxury prevailed to a very con-

care of the secular affairs of the church. We have said that the deacon is not in- accustomed to cut inscriptions on tab- barricade which separates the visible received and disbursed monies, kept the vested with any peculiar authority in the lets, chap. xix: 24; they had their from the invisible; we must make our church's accounts, and provided every- government of the church! And yet, his steel bows for their archers, chap, xx: escape from the close and warm and bething necessary for its temporal good .- position in the church seems to impose 24.; their arrows were kept in quivers, setting argencies which in this land of Thus, while the bishop attended to the more upon him, in reference to the ad- and they bore in battle the spear and the human bodies are ever plying us with souls, the deacon attended to the bodies ministration of discipline, than is expected shield, as well as the sword, chap. xxxix: of the people; the pastor to the spiritual of ordinary members. The nature of his 22, 23. The combat was animated by force our spirits across the bounand the deacons the temporal interests of intercourse with his brethren will natu. the sound of the trumpet, chap. xxxix: daries of sense. We know not, if rally open the way for his becoming ac- 24.; the war-horse of Idumea, in those 1. It is the duty of the deacon to attend quainted with any difficulties, or disorders, days, is finely described as having his neck universe who have such a task to perto the ordinary arrangements which are that may require church action. And I clothed with thunder, chap xxxix: 19; form. Angels have no death to undergo, necessary for the maintenance of worship, will even go father, and say that it is his They had already turned their attention and the due administration of the chris- duty, as a leading member of the church, to astronomy, and the regions of the sky tian ordinances. Experience has shown, to enquire into these things, to be informed below their latitude they mystically desthat, in these, as in all other matters, of them, and to report disorderly cases for cribed as the chambers of the South, chap. some one must be responsible; and upon discipline. This must be done by some ix: 9. In natural history they were ac- the other side of a material panorama whom does the responsibility rest, if not one-and by whom, more appropriately, quainted with the habits of a va-

must be kept cleaned and swept. Pre- It is the duty of the deacon to labor to parations must be made for the decent promote peace, harmony, and brotherly and orderly administration of baptism. love among all the members of the church: And, from time to time, provision is ne- to endeavor to reconcile small difficulties the gold of Ophir. They manufactured himself and all that is around him than cessary in order to the due observance of between brethren, before they become the Lord's Supper. In how many church- great ones; and, in order the more es are these things sadly neglected; and successfully to accomplish this, to be what a reproach is thereby brought upon | careful to set before them an example of the christian name! It is the duty of the gravity, of sobriety, of charity, of self-dedeacon to see that the means for these nial, and of christian consistency. It is specific purposes are provided; and to the duty of the deacon to manifest an afgive them as much of his personal atten- fectionate and abiding sympathy with his ment of offences. They were acquainted pastor, to visit him, to confer often with 2. It is the duty of the deacon to attend him in reference to the interests of the to the wants of the poor. And, in order church, to encourage and cheer him on to the right discharge of this duty, it will his work; and to manifest a tender conquire into their necessities, and to know his ministerial reputation, and for the sucwell, will greatly endear himself to the servant of the church, a servant of Jesus he will in return receive spiritual bless- a good degree, and great boldness in the

before God and the Father, is this-To this short article. We have spoken the spirit it may be received!

May the Great Head of the church breathe into all our ministers, and deacons, and members, more of His blessed spirit-the spirit of untiring zeal, of cheerful self denial, and of universal love!-Southern Baptist Review.

Religious Miscellany.

THE TIMES OF JOB.

The manners and customs of the day gleaned from the narrative and colloquies of the Look which bears his name, go to show that the arts and sciences had 3. Provisions must be made for the made greater progress in that age than support of the pastor of the church. And we of modern times are apt to allow. will stare you in the face, at the day of of the Fathers and the canons of the sary here, to argue the doctrine of ministup with the supposed superiority of judgement.

Councils, as from the region of cloud and terial support. As little as this thing is our discoveries over any that have

apprehend that they have an important foreign countries, and almost all the or the spirit land and its wonderful myste-The office originated in the necessity and responsible work to discharge in this dinary mechanical trades with which we ries from our view. But our time will

> riety of animals; they were conversant with the arts of mining; they also manufactured brass, and set a high value on precious stones, as well as on oil and wine. The oil was deemed to be of sufficient value to be divided by landmarks. They were acquainted with extremes of wealth and poverty, and amused themselves with dancing to the sound of the timbrel, harp, and pipe. They had regular tribunals for the trial and punishwith the use of money; they wore gold ear-rings; they used ointment, and possessed looking-glasses of polished metal. In short, it is plain that the Edomites, or in every respect the most civilized nation (DeLaborde's Journey through Arabia.) It was to explore that country, and its eternal joy dwells. It is far from hor singular capitol, Petra, that M. DeLaborde directed his steps from Egypt the abode of all the abandoned, and pr through the desert to Mount Sinai and the Jane and vile-the collected guilt a country beyond, till he came to the City wretchedness of this world. It is a pla of Rocks, the most singular monument of where no sanctuary like this opens ancient times, and the remarkable fulfill- doors and invites to beaven: where

HOLINESS OF HEART AND LIFE.

This should be the Christian's constant | On no second Cavalry is there a Redec aim. "Be ye holy, for I am holy," saith the Lord. A sluggish discharge of our there does he rise to bless the suffer daily round of duties, a profession of faith with the offer, and to furnish the pley in Christ, a few faint desires after growth of heaven. No spirit strives there to in grace occasional fervor in prayer, these claim the lost : and on no zephyr ther are not sufficient to comply with the res the message of mercy borne, whisp quirements of the gospel; these can never | ing peace. No God meets the dispo make a zealous, rejoicing disciple. Why ing there with promises and hopes : do petty cares too often disturb our peace? from no eye there is the tear of sor why does some evil habit so easily get the | wiped away. There is no such friend dominion over us? Because we are not as Jesus; no voice of mercy; no fervently, prayerfully striving after holi- star of hope; no father, mother, dau ness of heart and life. It this were our er, pastor, angel to sympathize; no earliest waking thought, and our last as- to breathe for the prayer of parda piration at night, the silent breathing of great Intercessor to hear the cry of m our hearts during the busy hours of the up to the throne of God. It is dear day, or its treasured leisure moments, the dying sorrow prolonged from ag what different beings we should be! In age; onward—onward toward eter stead of coldness gradually stealing over ever lingering, never ending. our hearts, sin encroaching, and a worldly | I have no power-no heart to atte spirit banishing prayer, and praise, and to portray these scenes. They are hopes of heaven, our hearts would glow topics for declamation. For of w with fervor, sin would be subdued, ear- are these things spoken? Of the dwe nest prayer would be continually ascending from our hearts, and bringing down have seen? Alas! of many, many

our modern churches, it is yet a decree of habit of imagining that our forefathers ing, the foretaste of eternal joys. But

My holiest deeds imperfect and defiled, Are but the feeble efforts of a child; Howe'er performed, this is their brightest part, That they are offerings of a thankful heart These I renounce, be this my only plea, That Christ on Calvary has died for me! Christian Chronicle.

GATEWAY OF ETERNITY.

There is a solemn mystery which hangs

like an impenetrable cloud around the with our friends, neighbors and fellowthe immortal spirit, dislodged from its frail tenement of clay, is ushered in a moment through the iron gateway-but we cannot follow them. Our intensest visa ion cannot penetrate one inch beyond. this adamantine wall, which conceals come to pass this iron gateway. We shall enter it alone. Each man for himself in his own dread experience must pass the soleinn boundary. He knows not-he cannot know the hour till it arrives. And yet how unconcerned-how negligent-how careless of all, preparation for this dread hour are the multitudes which crowd and flutter for a day on life's brief stage. Says an eminent wri-"They were acquainted with the use ter; Our imaginations are intercepted, now to supply our destitute churches by Finally let me beg you not to omit a temporal matters pertaining to the inter- fifty, or twenty, or ten dollars annually of scales, chap. vi: 2., and the weaver's in their flight to eternity, by a dark and pierce our way beyond the curtain of snares, chap. xviii: 9., 10.; they were the grave; we must scale this awful constant and powerful solicitation, and there be another tribe of beings in the There is no such affair of unnatural violence between them and their final destiny. It is for man, and for aught that appears it is for man alone, to fetch from that hems and incloses him, the great and abiding realities which he has everlastingly to do. It is for him, so locked in an imprisonment of clay, and with no other loop-holes of communication between the eye and the ear-it is for him to light up in his bosom a lively and realizing sense of things which eye hath never seen, and ear bath never heard. It for man, and perhaps for man alone, to travel in thought over the ruins of mighty dissolution? and, beyond, encom

> FAR AWAY EROM HEAVEN. I know not what eternal death is. can tell you some things. It is far awa from heaven, those blissful plains when -- hope that there "comes, to all." It ment of Scripture prophecy .- Wemyss: | Sabbath returns to bless the soul who no message of mercy comes to the sui ing and the sad. It is a world unbles like this with the work of redemption er offered for sin; and from no to

passed, to conceive that future world i

which he is to expatiate forever."-N.

despair may have occupied the seats to bethere, which you now occupy-not suffered now to go and tell their brethren lest they also come into this place of torment! Oh they are spoken of our kindred and friends of wives, and husbands, and teachers, and pupils who are not of whom we are bound by every tender tie. and to whom the heart is drawn by all the gushing sympathy of love; but are they less in danger on that account? Oh is there no danger ! Suppose a voice from heaven should be heard in this house and saying to all living here, "The day is coming in which all that are in their graves shall hear the voice of the Son of man, and shall come forth, they that have done evil, to the resurrection of damnathe wieted shall be turned into except ve repent ye shall all peris there a heart here that would not ere was danger? Should a hand be seen writing on those walls the names of all those here who are in danger of hell how solemn would be this house! With what anxiety would vou trace the record made ! How anxiously would you look to see il your name was begun-was recorded-was fixed there! How deep the anguish of the sou! !- How deep, perhaps, the grouns that would be heard in every part of the house !"-Barns practical

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The terms of the Alabama Baptist Advocate withhenceforth stand as follows: A single subber forwarding an additional new name, and paying \$5,00, in advance, shall have two copies for remembered by many. oas year. Any two new subscribers, paying \$5,00, in like manner, shall have two copies for we have ever spont in our quiet and happy vil-

olent societies, and Post Masters, generally, are house not made with hands, eternal in the heavquested to act as our Agents.

For the Alabama Baptist Advocate. IJ TO WHOM IT CONCERNS. 43

The churches that have consented to unite in a new association to embrace a part of Greene and Sumpter Counties, with such others as shall do so, are invited to meet in Convention for that purpose, with the Clinton Church, on Friday before the Ala Sabbath in October.

E. B. TEAGUE, D. P. BESTOR, M. B. CLEMENT.

N. B. Those brethren who have been led to expest the Convention would be held lower . down, will understand that it is impracticable.

EXPLANATION.

rendered the discussion a little fuller on a few points. As lar as it goes, it contains his honest sentiments, and it is hoped the expression of them will do good.

DEDICATION.

Last Sabbath the 2d day of September, 1849 -will be long remembered as the period of the dedication of the new Baptist meeting house in Marion. This building stands about 200 yards casion, they never tailed to leave on the minds of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Rev. W.W. South of the public square, on the main street run- of their audience the most salutary impressions. Patton, of the Associate Reformed Church of St. ning North and South through the village, and on a direct line with, and nearly equi-distant from the Judson Institute on the E ist and the Howard Col- for those whose store of words is scanty and W. Griswold, of the Episcopal Church, St. Loulege on the West. It is a brick edifice, 85 feet poor to rise and fall to the intellectual level of is; Elder W. Cox, near Milford, Ohio, and Ellong, 50 feet wide, and from the foundation tothe top of the spire, 120 feet high, having a gallery on three sides and a basement story underneath. In its architectural character, it is plain and sim- been equally so, at the tawdry and pompous child of another. ple, yet it is elegantly neat, substantial and commodicus, scating with comfert about one thousand persons. It was built at the expense of the church by deacon L. Y. Turrant, to whose fide! ity and takte his brethren are under lasting obligations for one of the handsomest and best meeting houses in Ajabama.

The dedicatory exercises of this new house of worship were performed by the Rev. Basil Manly.D.D. President of the Alabama Universitywith peculiar appropriateness and ability. Af- dressed, if possible, in monesyllables, and as far ter the most suitable preliminaries of reading the scriptures, (in 1 Kings 8: 12-30) singing, prayer, &c., the Dr. announced his text in Isiah 56: 7 .- "Mine house shall be called a house of prayer for all people;" from which he delivered one of the very best sernious to which we ever listened. As a preacher, Dr. Many has perhaps no superior on this Continent; and although we preacher sought to find out acceptable words"have been accustomed to thear him occasionally Such "words," he adds tare as goads and as since the days of our hovhood, we are not cer. nails fastened by the masters of assemblies." fain that we ever heard from him a better timed or a better sustained discourse. It was considerably above an hour in length, and yet during that spure period, a silence as of des pervaded the whole congregation. Many, many countenannes were suffused with tears, and we dare say,

ed in this house. How many now in | not a soul left the house without feeling it was good | they are to assure themselves of their own sal. | heart as those te ars, and that, 'Oh, how shall

At half past 3 O'clock, P. M., services in the house were resumed. The Pastor, Rev. James H. De Votie, read to the congregation the history of this-the Siloam Church-from its organparents, and school companions and ization to the present day. By his permission we shall lay this highly interesting document be-Christ, They are spoken of those to fore our readers, next week: -only remarking at present that this church was constituted in 1823 with nine members, only two of whom still survive; that it has had six pastors, the last of whom, Bro. De Votie, has held that office nearly ten revival, and that 955 persons have been added to its membership; and that, as is well known, she has stood in the very front rank of the Alabama churches in the cause of missions, education, and expended about sixty thousand dollars. Her houses of worship, in addition to this sum have cost her about eventy thousand dollars, and the support of her ministry, say at least fifteen thousand dollars; making an aggregate of near ninety-five thousand dollars in twenty-six years. Her present Pastor is exceedingly beloved by the people the best and most useful men in Alabama.

The exercises of this afternoon were concluded with the administration of the Lord's Supper. by Revs. R. Holman and Prof. T. F. Curtis, accompanied with very appropriate and pious coursels to the church.

Rev. Basil Manly, jr. preached at night on the Heavenly Sanctuary-following out the the train of thoughts introduced by all the preceding exercises of the day. His sermon, abounding with a rich variety of arguments and illustrations, showed him to be a workman that scriber \$3,00, in advance. Any present subscri- needeth not to be ashamed. His text was in John 14: 2. and the discourse will doubtless be

Thus ended one of the most pleasant Sabbath's lage: but it bears no comparison to the Sab-All Ministers of the Gospel, Agents of benev- bath which we hope ere long to spend in "that

> MILK FOR BABES AND STRONG MEAT FOR MEN.

Appropriateness is a special excéllence in pulpit labors; which cannot be cultivated with too great assiduity and care. The effect of full many a sermon has been losp by its inapplicability to the occasion, or to the wants and capacities of the congregation. An inappropriate discourse is but little better than beating the air. It has no definite aim and accomplishes no end. However good it may be in itself, it is perfectly worthiess so far as relates to its present use. Let us remark then,

1 Sermons should be appropriate in view of good man. the occasion. We have somewhere read a good story of a minister, who had prepared an excellent discourse on the occasion of small pox in It probably occurred to some of our readers, the city of his residence, and being invited shortthat the communication by Dr. Manly, in our ly after to preach in a different place, did not last issue, made a very singular and unceremo, perceive that the same sermon would be inapnious appearance, as though it had been addres. plicable, but, to the consternation of his audised to us personally. The facts are, as we have ence, proceeded to discourse very eloquently of been since informed, it was written upon re- the prevalence of that disease among them and quest, as a prevate letter to another individual, to call upon the authorities to take all precauand by him forwarded to us, through a third per- tions against its wider diffusion, when he was sudson, without note or comment, and without the denly interrupted by a hundred voices, "where? knowledge or consent of the author. The bear- where? If, indeed, cases of this precise character er of it omitted to state to us from whence it may be of rare occurrence, there may, perhaps, ed by this place and vicinity, the result of which came, and being in the Dr's hand writing, we be others almost as grossly out of place with dif- was ninety conversions seventy in the town of were left to infer that it was from him direct, ferent modifications. We once knew a minister Hillsboro, and twenty at Mt. Moriah Church, and under this inspression it was published as to commence a protracted meeting with a la- new by. Bro. Blackwood, it will be remem containing most valuable thoughts upon a high- bored disquisition on the existence of God .- beted, was formerly a student of Howard Colly important subject. We are happy to say, Others with as little reflection may descent upon, lege, and it would afford us pleasure to publish however, that, although it was not primarily in- the doctrine of election or the final perseverance his entire communication, did our space allow tended for the press, the Dr. only regrets that he of the saints. A sermon on the necessity of this week. had not sufficiently foreseen its destination and faith and repentance before a body of practical ch. istians, or one on the mysteries of grace before an assembly of unbelievers, would be equally out of place. There should be a fitness in things; and we have known some ministers, who always seemed to keep pace with the times, permitting the providence of God and the wants, of the people to suggest the matter and adaptation of their thoughts and words to the oc-

> all classes; and if the refined and intelligent have der Mansfield, residence not stated. been pained with the eareless and uncultivated In the the same papers is mentioned the death style of some; the serious and thoughtful have of two ministers' wives, and the mother and eloquence of others before the ignorant and untutored. If, in such cases the former were disgusted, the latter were certainly unedified. his saints. The ignorant need instruction, and they need it in the plainest and simplest language of which our tongue is capable. Rhetorical flourishes metaphysical distinctions and niceties are illy suited to enlighten a congregation # blacks .-The euphony of pretty words will soon put them to sleep. Negroes and children should be adas may be without any indirection. Solomon has given us an excellent lesson on this subject. every word of which deserves to be considered attentively; "Moreover, because the preacher was wise, he still taught the people knowledge, yea he gave good heed, and sought out, and set in order many proverbs! (or precepts). "The

vation—they are far more inquisitive about the why and wherefore of election and predestination, than they are to make their own calling and election sure; and it is to be lamented that ministers are sometimes incautious enough to toster this vain and idle curiosity, and to puzzle their own brains and exhaust their own strength upon fruitless attempts to explain what neither they nor the congregation understand. How would St Paul have acted in such cases? His first inquiry would have been into the spiritual character and condition of his audience; and i years, that it has enjoyed nine seasons of special he found them deficient in any of the essential elements of christianity, he would have said "Brethren, I could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal; even as unto babes in Christ. I have fed you with milk, and not every effort of benevolence, upon which she has with meat; for hitherto ye were not able to bear it, neither yet now are ye able.". when for a time ve ought to be teachers; ye have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not strong meat. For every one that useth milk is unskilhulin the word of righteousness, for he is a of his charge, and is universally esteemed one of babe; but strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age?' The sum is this, sermons should be practical and pungent to those who are but mere babes in their religious attainments; while pone but those of a high degree of spirituality are prepared to appreciate he more abstruse and difficult doctrines of grace. Give milk to babes and strong meat to men.

REVIVALS.

joving precious seasons of refreshing from the presence of the Lord, from some of which we have heard, but not with sufficient deficiteness to state positively the results.

At McKinley, Marengo Co, a revival has been recently experienced, from which some twelve or fifteen souls have been added to the church. The church at this place is under the pastoral charge of Rev. F. C: Lowery, an intelligent, faithful and beloved minister of God.

At Woodville, (Uniontown,) Perry Co. about one dozen persons attached themselves to the Lord, as the result of their late meeting in August. We had the pleasure of attending this meeting several days, and found an interesting, spirited and benevolent church. They have an unusually neat house of worship, just completed Rev. I. L. Fox is their pastor, an active and efficient man, much beloved by his church and congregation.

At Hepziba, Perry Co, a meeting of interest has just closed, the fruit of which was six persons converted. Several also joined by letter.

At Concord church, Choctaw, Co, there has been a recent revival, at which fourteen, professed conversion and were baptized: Rev. W J. Parker is the ir esteemed pastor, to whom we are indebted for our information.

We learn also, that a deep and powerful work of grace is going on in the churches near Tuscaloosa; but of the particulars we are not

Rev. A. D. Blackwood, writing us from No. Ca, under date of Hillsboro August 19, says a most extensive revival has been frecently enjoy- ernacle Baptist Church, Philadelphia.

DECEASE OF MINISTERS.

Our Western Exchanges tell a sad tale than twelve have fallen victims to the destrover within a few weeks, thus: Elders Hope and Knapp of Iowa; Parker Jenkins and Zadthe manner of discourse; and by the admirable ock Darrow, of Illinois; Bowen of Ohio-all Baptists. E'ders Ransom and William Heath, 2. Sermons should be suited to the capacities Louis; Rev. Alexander Van Court, pastor of the of the congregation. It is difficult, we know, Central Presbyterian Church, St, Louis; Rev.W.

Surely, whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of

HOW SHALLI GET A BIBLE: The Rev. J. H. Hughes, late an agent of the American Bible Society in this State, speaking

of the desire for the Bible says : "I saw one case, the supply of which would have been worth more than \$500 to me. discourse, I had informed the audience that had two or three Bibles left, which I would give that office, and has been succeded by Rev. to any who might need them. At the close my remarks, I was at once surrounded, and my their paper appear well, but we doubt it they Bibles soon gone. I had all the time seen a poor looking female standing near the door. As I was passing out, she met me, and said : I am a widow; my husband was a drinking man, and I have hard work to support my children, and we have no Bible. It you can give me one. shall thank you as long as I live.' Said I, 'I have just given away the last one.' Her eyes filled with tears, and she took a little boy by the character of the people. There is a wounder- hand, sobbing, 'Oh, how shall I get a Bible?'-

get a Rible ? People of God, will you not come to our rescue, and help us by your liberal contributions, to extricate from this wretchedness the poor for whom the Saviour died?'

LOST CREEK BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

Thanks to Bro. A. J. Wuldrop for the minutes of the third annual meeting of this body. It is strongly anti-missionary as might almost be inferred from its statistics, and we regret to learn by his communication that it holds some doctrines not known to the sacred oracles. numbers 10 churches; 4 ordained and 2 licentiate ministers; and 310 communicants. Baptized the past year 20; nett increase 10.

PRIZE TRACES FOR THE SABBATH.

A selection of five of the Prize Tracts on the Temporal Advantages of the Sabbath has been published in one volume by the London Tract Society, with a preface by Rev. Edward Bickersteth. The first of the Essays was written by a porter; the second by a journeyman shoemaker, now employed as a schoolmaster; the third by a compositor; the fourth by a frame work knitter; the fifth by a tailor.

JASPER CO. TEXAS. A correspondent to the South Western Bap-

st Chronicle says:

"For years that I have been living here, there has not been, to my knowledge, a missionary Baptist sermon preached in these counties .-My opinion is, and I have often expressed it, that there is no part of the U. S. in which a good comed, or where he could do more good, than in this county. I have observed that a very large. proportion of thos that have been raised by Baptist parents prefer to fellowship with, and receive the ordinances of Christ in, the Baptist

RELIGION AT HIGH PLACES

"We have often had an occasion, says the N. at Washington, attended and conducted by members of the American Congress. We are now happy to learn, from our English papers, that of Bethany College chose ast the theme of his adwithin a few months meetings of a similar char- dress to the graduating class, "The Science or acter have been established in London, in very art of becoming a great man," which he said seven weeks," says one of these journals, "the points are a large head, a large heart, large | lady of a distinguished pear has thrown open her lungs, and a large stomach. Upon this notion drawing-room once every week, for the purpose of Mr, C. the Religious Herald f. e ously obof holding devotional meetings, on the part of serves, (and by the way with more of truth than persons of her own rank of society. As many poetry "this is the first time we have ever to as a hundred noblemen and gentlemen, mostly known corporasiy to be enumerated among the ceived the following letter. It contains so much members of Parliament, with their wives or oth- elements of human greatness ?"and adds, "Jack er near relations, meet together on these occa. Falstaff was great in that line-to say nothing Rev. J. Sansing is their pastor, an afflicted but sions, and spend the evening in purely Christian of Daniel Lambert." intercourse. Prayer and praise, and the read. ing of a chapter of the Bible, by one of the clergymen present, with a few expository observations, constitute the exercises of the evening."

> These facts, together with the carnestness manifested by so many distinguished laymen at the recent public religious meetings in Boston, are among the cheering signs of the times.

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

The Rev. Mr. Stone, late an Episcopal minister of Lee, in England, was recently immersed by the Rev. Charles Tucker, pastor of the Tab-

The. Rev. L. O. Jones, form rly a Methodist Episcopal minister, was ordained to the Baptist ministry, at Agattan, Ill., on the 20th of July.

The first Hebrew Bible ever published in agriculture, manufcatures and the arts. America has just issued from a Philadelphia Publishing House, It follows Haha's Hebrew riets.

to China. They are now on their way to the Columbus, Miss, a thing unknown before at this city of Foucheou, about midway between Can- season of the year. This shows the height of of death's doings among the faithful head of ton and Nankin, a place hitherto unoccupied by the river. watchmen on the walls of Zion. No less any protestant mission. These are the first missionaries from Sweeden to the beathen.

> By a decree of the Court the Trustees of the Madison University, N. Y. elected at the annual meeting, in 1848, have been set aside; and at a meeting recently held, at which there were but sixty nine persons present, twenty seven of whom were not Baptists, and only seventeen of whom resided out of Hamilton, others have been elected in their stead! Wonder if the Baptists of New York consider they were represented in that meeting, and if they will sustain an Institution where men of the world set uside their own actings and doings after this manner.

The Rev. William R. Williams, D. D. has undertaken, by special request, to write the History of the Hudson River Association. This will be a good work, as no man is better able to do it right than Dr. W.

Since March 1st. 222 converts have been baptized in the "First African" and "Second Colored," church of St. Louis, Mo, about an equal do it well. number in each. These churches number about 800 communicants.

The Rev. Mr. Anderson, the former conductor of the Christian Chronicle, has retired from Messrs. Jacobs & Lincoln. The first Nos. of are not rather hasty in throwing down the glove

with the Sausom St Church, Phil., raised for missions, the past year, \$1,050,00; and during

Rev. J. W. D. Creath, missionary at Hunts. ment of Ar cerned to find out how many will be saved, than continued to ring in my ears, and to thrill my the Baptists) "have increased five fold, at least, worth writing.

during the last three years; and four fifths of that increase has been by the instrumentality of the Southern Board of Domestic Missions." bored in vain.

The Big Hatchie Association of Ten. at its recent session paid over \$750 00 the amount

The James River Association, Va. at its annual meeting in July past resolved to make effort to support a foreign missionary, either lieved they will acomplish it. How many of our Alalsama Associations will go and do likewise.

The Society of Friends state, in their last yearly enistle, that the sant of forth eight thousthe rates of the Established church of England, a host published in the provinces and in the meman in the moon." That is religion established with a vengeance.

niversary sermon before the First Bapfist church, bates, a daily paper, is \$45, and Gallignani's Boston, on the 5th ult., in which he stated, that Messenger (not as large as any of our two-penny at the time of his installation, there were but papers) is \$40 per annum. The Nationale, four Baptist churches in the city, that since that (the paper long conducted by the President of period, five others had been constituted, and the present French Assembly), and La presse that his own church had received above six hundred persons by baptism during his pastorate.

The Rev. Dr. Spring, recently preached his fortieth anniversary discourse before the Brick Chapel (Presbyterian) church, N. Y. in which A number of our churches are at present en- Baptist preacher would be more cordially wel- among other important things, he said that all the ministers and officers who welcomed him to his field of labor in 1810 were dead; that there was not a minister of the gospel in the city, of any denomination, who was in the service of the ministry when he first commenced his labors in that church; they had enjoyed seven distinct seasons of special revival, in which 607 had been added to the body, and that the whole number who had joined the church under his ministry Y. Observer: to speak of the prayer meetings was not far from two thousand. These are the fruits of a settled ministry.

Rev. A. Campbell, at the late commencemen aristrocratic circles. "Within the last six or involved several things; but, "The cardinal of April to the 1st of July.

The Degree of Master of Arts was conferred, in course upon the Rev. J. B. Stiteler, paster of the Jackson Baptist Church, Miss, at the recent commencement of the Pennsylvania University. A Catholic Cathedral is in progress of erection in Mobile 164 feet long, 94 feet the rear and 88 feet wide in the main body the house. It was commenced in 1838, and will be roupleted, it is supposed by Christmus 1850. It will be an ornament to the city, but a detriment to some of the citizens.

zuela a Republic of South America. By the way. Venezuela is appresent, experiencing the borrid commencement at a civil war deeply to be regretted as she was the list of the South American Republics to settle down in the pursuits of

Canada has been much disturbed of late with

The Steamer, Motive, from Mobile, ascend. Missionaries, have been sent from Sweeden ed the Tombeche on the 15th ult, as far up as

> Wheat Crops in some portions of Virginia it is said will fall short, at least, one third the present year. In the vicinity of Fredricksburg, the corn crops it is also feared will prove a total

The Low Lands of Texas are inundated .--The Brazos and the Trinity rivers are unusual-

The Table of mortality in Cincinatti for seven weeks preceeding the 6th ult show 4,488 deaths

There is a Society in Glasgow that distributes mongst them. prizes to those housewives, who keep the cleanwives who need to be paid to do their duty.

umbia College, N. Y. is engaged in the prep. was held in Walker Co., at a place where of History, and professor Anthon is the man to

Mobile is said to be remarkably healthy for the season and we can say the same for Marion.

The population of California, it is supposed,

The Rev Austin Dickinson, (Presbyterian,) died at the house of bis brother, on the 15th ultthan whom says the Journal of Commerce, tew in that once destitute region. Since we commerce men have exerted a wider or happier influence on their race." Besides a large amount of other benevolent services, he was the projector and editor of the National Preacher;" the Principal nity! the last five years, it has paid five thousand, six founder of the Maryville College. Ten; the nundred and eighty nine dollars, and eighty four originator of the "Family Visitor," in Rich- but it was a very rainy time, and there was so ents. See what the Ladies can do, when they mond, Va .- now the Christian Observer, Phil. and the principal agent in the pe teries of religion. They are infinitely more con- never one that so filled me with sadness, and so ville, Texas, says in this State,"I think they," what was worth reading, and did what was Lord

CHEAP PAPERS

The old solare "Give him an inch and he will take an Ell " is remarkably exemplified in We have not therefore, run in vain, nor la- the matter of new thap ? publications. In this country where lew weeklies cost more than three dollars and no teligious we les thedes mand is constantly made for cheaper papers. What would our patrons think, if they had to purchase news as it is bought in England and France and Ireland? Let them read the follow. ing from the Pennsylvanian, and we incline to hope they will be somewhat cored.

The London Times, a daily paper, costs \$45 a year. The same rate is charged, respectively, for the Morning Chronicle, Daily News Globe Herald, Ports, and all other London dailies, The London Evening Mail, made up with the matter of the Times, is published three times a week at \$25 a year. The London semiweeklies (the Record and the Patriot), are pub. individuals of that society the past year. to nav ed at \$16 50 per annum. Of weeklies, there is in which they have no more interest than . "the tropolis; save two of the very smallest class, none of these are published lower than \$7, while the Economist is \$12, and the large remainder The Rev. Mr. Neale preached his twelfih an- \$9 per annum. In France the Journal des De-(Emile Girardin's paper), both dailies, though published on smaller sheets than our two-penny press, are bought eagerly at twenty five and thirty dollars per annum. The Irish and Scotch tri weeklies are sold at \$16 50 per annum .-The German dailies, the Algemeine Zietung (Aug burgh) and the Frankfruter Journal,) are paid for at the rate respectively of \$36' and \$22

> Ir you would not be forgotten as soon as you are dead and rotten, either write things worth reading or do something worth writing .- Poor Richard's Almanac.

> Ir you would keep a secret from an enemy tell it not to a friend.

A PALSE friend and a shadow attend only when the sun shines.

OF The sum of \$3484. 35 has been paid in to the treasury of the Domestic Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention from the 1st

Communications.

' For the Alabama Bantist Advocate:

Brother Chambliss :- I have just reof what is calculated to cheer the hearts of the people of God, that they ought not to be deprived of it. I do, therefore, hope that the author of it will excuse me for making that public, which was written in haste, and only for those to whom it

Ar Home, August, 1849. Brethren: I am sorry to say that I cannot

come to your meeting, for the reason that I could not render you any service. I have been at meet. ings, al nost day and night for three weeks, and lam so hoarse and worn down, that I cannot labor; besides, I have to start in a few days to my own appointments, and, if I do not regrating see I shall not be able to attend them. There is en-Gold has been recently discovered in Ven- My the want of ability that keeps me from coming. The good Lord has done great things for the per ple where I have been. I think, I have wit nessed near a hundred conversions in 20 days I have really witnessed the Union of 91 persons to the churches. Brethren, I do singerely none and pray that the Lord may lavor you with his presence at your meeting. Yours, &c., D. B. CULBERSON

> To Brethren W. B. Jones and Jas. W. Echois.

P.S. This is the fourth day of the meeting with the church here. We have indications of the power of God among us. Some have found Je sue, many are saving, "what shall Is do to be Yours, &c.,

W. B. JONES. Auburn, Ala., August 29th, 1849.

For the Alabama Baptist Advocate. Dear Brother Chambliss .- As Bro. H. G.

SMITH and myself have been riding, as Domestic Missionaries for the Canaan Association, I have concluded to give your readers a sketch of the destitution in our field of labor, the opposition to Missions, and our success, in preaching a-Our instructions were to devote our time in the

est house for three months. Those are good destitute parts of Jeffersion and Walker Counties, -the North part of the former and a great Professor Charles Anthon, L. L. D. of Col. of the latter is very destitute. Our first meeting aration of an Ancient Geography, which, when held a meeting the last year to good effect. A completed, will make a volume of about 800 pa. that time opposition to Missions, principally subges. This will be a desideratum to all students sided: for in all these dark corners people are generally "antis," as almost all the preaching that has ever been among them has been that character. So when our meeting came on this year, the people had no prejudices against us. We had a good meeting and as there were several persons in that county holding letters of will amount to at least sixty thousand by the 1st dismission from Baptist Churches, and others who professed religion at our meeting, all desiring to become a Baptist Church, we made arrangements to organize one in September to ced preaching there, they (thron have organized a Sabbath School. May to rich blessings of heaven, rest upon

We next went Northward to a section of coun-

arch near by, we requested the liberof preaching in it, -not expecting they would mant it; and we instructed our friend, in case they should not do so, to make our appointment somewhere else in the vicinity, and sure enough when he asked the privilege of our preaching in their house, "all but their preaching in the house," was the reply. So our appointment was made at a little school house that stands in about a hundred yards of the church. We got there on Friday before the 5th Sabbath in July last, and met a tolerably good congregation. On was quite good, likewise on Sunday. On Saturday while we were preaching it rained excessively and as you may suppose, many were well sprinkled. The people, went to the meeting house, and got seats to sit upon at the school house. They looked very shy, as they had been told we were money hunters, beggars, and many days they became anxious for us to preach in the house: but there was one man who still opposed, and we would not agree to go into their house to preach while there was an objection, as they would probably have a difficulty amongst themselves, it we did so after we left. There were several who said they would open the door, as the house was first built by the citizens,-as a free house and a school house, and the antis had taken possession of it, and even turned a man out of doors whom they (the citizens) had engaged to teach school, for no other reason, as I was told, but because he was to get money for tuition; and the employers had to turn out, and that in a very busy time with their crops, and build school house, (the one we preached in.) The people were very anxious for us to continue to preach there, and said if we would, they would ats a "Book burning,"-says he would will be done most cheerfully. burn a Bible Dictionary, or a common Dictiona. ry; and you can easily infer what amount of information there is likely to be under his ministry. I was told he does not preach repentance. The doctrine among them is running to " Twoseed-(What a pity the seed is not lost?) We preached repentance towards God, &c., which pleased the most of their members as well as the people of the world. Oh the moral darkness of the country! People raised up here under the doctrine of "wait God's time," are drinking, swearing, and thinking, "if I am to be saved, I will be saved, and why trouble myself upon the subject." But I must close, for my present letter is already too long. You shall hear from me again, when I have any thing worth tell. I am yours, &c.

A. J. WALDROP. August, 1849.

For the Alabama Baptist Advocate. TO THE MEMBERS OF THE ALABAMA AS-SOCIATION.

Dear Breiheen : At the last meeting of the Executive Board of Yours Association, the brethion composing it requested me to prepare a kind of general missionary report, embracing all matters of interest, to publish it in the Alabama Baptist Advocate for your special benefit; that you may know what your Missionaries are

Bourd has employed three Missionaries; one for his entire time; another for half his time; and the samular one fourth of his time. Brother Bishop, who is favorably known to many of you, has been employed to spend his whole time in missionary abor Actae meeting of the Board, referred to above he was not present, neither did he send in his report; but as I have seen him frequently, I am authorized to say, that I have no doubt, he is industriously engaged, and

will do much for the Association. Brother Murphy, who has been employed for half his time, was not present, but sent in his report. He has baptized but few; but thinks his prospects flattering. And it is perhaps known to many of you, that I have been employed to supply Sileam Church once a month. It will also be recollected that this church was constituted about 12 months ago by myselt, when engaged in the missionary field. It was constituted in a portion of country where the people were wholy given up to wickedness, and where the doctrines of our denomination had never been promulgated. This church now numbers between 80 and 100 members. I held a meeting commencing on Friday before the first Sabbath in August, at which the Lord met with us and and blessed us abundantly. It continued 8 days, and as the result of it. I baptized 22 into the fellowship of the church. It was, indeed, a glorious time. I have baptized at this church, 24 persons this year. These, since they have gotten into the work, are a working set of brethren. They have now nearly completed one of the best leg houses I have ever seen. It is 30 by 40 feet, made of split pine timber and nicely bewn down, out side an inn. This house, though large, will we believe be filled on our monthly meetings during the pleasant season of the year. The congregations are always largeand attentive. They are now making arrangements, with one of our most worthy young brethregular ministration of the word. Thus in the short space of 18 months this church has been preached gospel.

number who have been haptized within the C 9.80, Col at Evergreen B C 8.85, J M Stall we have lighted was candles in vain." Con-

had been previously sent on to a friend in that nation, and I find that since 1843, your missionwhat an influence must they exert?

> Past success my dear brethren, should encourage you to make greater exertions in future. has operated well, and we see no reason to change it; but the amount of good done, could be greatly increased if your Board had the means placed in their hands.

January. Then he ought to have an assistant during the season of protracted meetings, to aid him in holding meetings. If this plan could be carried out, supposing the right kind of brethren to be employed, I have no hesitancy in saving other things that were calculated to prejudice that double the amount of good would be them against us; but after we had preached 2 effected. It would, perhaps, require from six to eight hundred dollars a year to carry out this plan; but what ought that amount to be to our Association? I do hope that all the churches will send up to the Association a much larger amount than usual, that we may enlarge our operations and that thereby we may soon be able to give to all within our bounds the word of life. A. VANHOOSE.

Hayneville, August 29, 1849.

TO THE COOSA RIVER ASSOCIATION.

Dear Brethren .- The time is short that we have to work, for the night will soon come when none can work. Therefore let us be active while it is called to day. We are denominated a missionary body, and Usuppose we are willing to bare that name, therefore let us prove ourselves worthy of the name, by annually contribubuild us a house. As to the dectrine that is ting to the support of a missionary family in preached in that country, I will refer you to the China or Africa. All that is necessary to ac-Circular letter in one of their minutes which I complish so worthy an enterprise is for some of send you by mail. Their minister, the Rev. our pious and influential brethren to properly John M. Barton, is opposed to information, says bring the subject before the Association, and it

On making an estimate of the amount necessary for each member to pay, I am satisfied that forty cents will amply pay all the necessary expenses for one year. Should we full in this noble enterprise, it will not be on the ground that we are opposed to misssions, or that we are either wanting in liberality or means; but it will be for the want of system, and a little effort on the part of a few of our most efficient members. We may expect some opposition from those who are not in the habit of giving any thing for henevolent or charitable purposes at home or abroad. But should this, however, deter the phi lanthropist, or the warm-hearted Christian from the performance of his duties ? O, no. For God has ordained the evangelizing of the world; and it is through the instrumentality of such means, he designs to accomplish this great and glorious end. Opposition to the fulfillment of God's designs, should rather excite the pure in heart 'to the more prompt and zealous performance of their duty; and for the encouragement of such, God has said that he will bless the cheerful giver, and the liberal soul shall be made fat.

Brethren there is not a greater evil tolerated in the churches than that of avarice. It has be come so contaminating in its influence, that there is scarcely one let who can cast the first stone. There is nothing more clearly defined and fully established in the word of God, than that It is, perhaps, known to most of you, that your the Christian and all he may possess, is the purchase of the Son of God. Therefore it is undemably the duty of every redeemed soul to honor the check of the great head of the church, whether it be presented through his written word or by his providences. If the foregoing position of the Christian be true, then my prethren let us for one moment, behold three bundred and sixty millions of Chinese, who are perishing for the want of the bread of life! Take your pen and make the calculation what will be the average of one thousand dollars devided between twentyfour or five hundred members, and I am persua. ded that no one can rejuse to bare his part without doing violence to his conscience. The scriptures teach us that if our beart condemn us, God is greater than our heart, and that he will also condemn us. Therefore let us duly weigh and consider this all interesting subject, and let us act with due reference to that day when the history of our acts will be made manifest before a congregated world, and in the presence of him whose decision will be both righteous and

> Yours in Christian affection. A MEMBER. Talladega, August 28, 1849.

For the Alabama Baptist Advocate.

RECEIPTS FOR INDIAN MISSIONS.

Brother Chambliss :- Will you be so kind as to publish in your paper the following list of contributions to the Indian Mission : Dr. E. J. Palmer \$5; Rev. James Harris 5; J. Bell 2, John Patrick 2, Ala. B. S. Convention 80,25, Daniel Duepree 12.50, cash 5, R. H. Brumby 5. Benton B C 2, Ala Baptist Association 28,50, Col at Antioch B C 16,20, Col at Ebenezer B C 1.35, Dr. A B Blakey 25, Ruben Blakey 40, Mrs Duncan 2. Col at Hopewell B C 6, Z Rudulph 10, Z. Rudulph, Jr. 10, Mrs E G Peny 5, Col at Ash Creek B C 2,40, M Linam 50 cts Mrs M A Cragin 25cts, Mrs Martha Hawthorn, ren, to supply themselves another year with the 25 cts, Mary Ann Hawthorn 25 cts, G B Hawthorn 25 cts, Judson Hawthorn 25 cts, John built up of entirely new materials, and already is W Leslie 1, Mrs. Snell 1, Mrs. A. Alison 1, esah 25 cts, Joel Lee 2. Montgomery Hill B the gods honored by us, and the other party." Association, to supply themselves with the C 26.05, Little River B C 3.85, Elisha Terven of the foreign God, whom we now deride, 5. Gravel Creek B C 8. Rev J Mitchell 1.25 should appear the mightiest, we must acknowledge And think of the Col at Bellville B C 13.70, Col at Brooklyn B and honor him, and bid farewell to those to whom

This is a dark spot. Our appointment sionaries! I have been making some exami- the Rev Alex Travis L M; Col at Rockwest B C was in the Compiled with scales, a Bajazet. The long, sharp-pointed nose 19.50. Mrs M McConico I, M F Bussey 5, W the defense and establishment of Christianity, weights &c.; to which are subjoined a is a reflecting nose—it goes to the bottom region, and knowing that there was an Auti-mis- aries have baptized about 400 members. Think W Boykin 10, D M Long 2,50, Mrs Mary Boy- and called upon ministers and churches every then of the influence which these 400 new kin 2, Martha Duckworth 1.50, P McCaskill 1, where, to offer up prayers to God for his success members must exert within our bounds? Acting D W Black 1, Col at Pineville B C 2,55, Rev in their behalf, and when he had defeated Lias they are, in almost every station in the church W C Morrow 2, George Riley 5, Mrs Nancy cinius be at least professedly gave glory to Him from the minister down to the most humble, Riley 5, S S Andress 3, J W Perrin 1, cash 1, as his almighty helper. And, thus far, I know canton cumberlaud Presbyterian Church and not that there is any evidence of inordinate congregation 30, to constitute the Rev J C Wier ambition in Constantine, except his pretending to L. M. Rev. Levi Parks 10. Mrs Sarah Irvin have seen the cross in the sky, inscribed: "In noc The plan upon which you have been acting 3, W C Jones 5, Center Ridge B C and congre. signo vinces!" But power will corrupt most gation 60, to constitute the Rev J Hartwell, D mea in any age. D and Rev D R W McIver, L Members, C H The land and the sea to be cursed by the Cleveland 10. L Johnson 5, Wm. Johnson presence of Satan and his angels, our author One missionary, at least, ought to be employed W Gunn 2, W W McLester 5, Wm Ansley 1, ted anterior to the millenium; and the woe that the whole year, commencing, say, the first of Mr Marlain 50cts R Cole 2.50, N W Cocke 10, they were to suffer denotes the decline of pagan-45c J Drakeford 1, Sampson Lanier 5, Rev Samuel Henderson 5, L P Allen 1, E G Crawford 10, Rev A N Worthy 10, James Rhump 5, R D Ware 2, A A Barton 1, J L Williams 2, secutors being heralded through the empire. P Zimmermen 50c, Colored Friends 60c, J P E D King 5, J J Bradford 2, Mrs Curtis 3, Rev cash 5, B C 23,50, John Patrick 2, Rev C F Storgis 1, prophetic years, or a day for a year. congregation 17. Jones Creek B C 5.50 Ri chard Prince 5, Friendship B C Green county 35,20, Rev A A Connella 10, Cot at Spring Hill B C B C and congregation 80-30 of this from the Rev E Baptist 1, cash 1,80, cash 50c, Mrs M E Foster 2.50, Mrs E Tarrant 1, Mr Easley 1, J Gordan I. Dr W O Stewart 5, Green Rives uli. 30, to constitute himself L M W Strenger 1, J Hardy L. J H Hickson 1, Benton B C and con-L. M. by the hand of D Rast 1,25, Dr R G May 50c. first payment on notes given to the Mission H B Wegginton 70c, Rev J D Williams 2,50, Allen Gibson 5, W B Funderburgh 5. The following sums received from the Talladega B C. Mrs S T Welch 5, James Mallary 2, W A Welch 5, Nathan Welch 5, John Sawyer 1, Rome Wm Mallary 5, W Reynolds 50, B Holly 1, Mrs S G Lawler 5, E J Cross 2.50, Wm Jenkins 100, Mrs Margaret Jenkins 35, to educate an Indian girl col 7,50, Rev J M Scott 10, S Wallin 10. Rev D Peebles 3, Win Curry 5, Col at Coldwater 5 30, Col at the B C at Talladega Town 13.40, James Hedden 5, Rev H E Taliaterro 5, Tho Smith 1 50, W C Morgan 1, Rev F Callaway 1, T C Russell 5, Mrs Brown 1, Rev J M Russell 1, Col at County Line 2,65, Col at LaFayette 11.40, Rev A C A Simons 1, N M Thornton 18. Col at Sardis 6,10, N B Sanders 3. J R Pullen 10. A Friend to the

Mission 1, Rev J J Session 5. If I have made no mistake in my cal-\$1748 65 culation it amounts to I have also received for the Indian Ad-

48 00 Making in all since I returned South

81796 65 This does not embrace the contribution in Tennessee and Mississippi, on my way to Alabama: and now permit me to express my gratitude to the friends in Ala. for their liberality to the Mission and their kindness to me while

mingling with them. And now my good brother permit me to express my good wishes at least for your prosperity in your work and labor of love.

As ever your brother in the Gospel, G. B. DAVIS. Camden, Wilcox Co., August 13, 1849.

REVIEW OF LORD'S EXPOSITION OF TH APOCALYPSE.

(Continued.) CHHP. XII. 7-12. The war of Michael and the Dragon in Heaven .- Here Mr. Lord thinks real beings, Michael and Satan, are made to symbolize orders of men. Michael and his angels denoting believers; and Satan and his angels, the antagonists of believers, endeavoring by contradiction and persecution to prevent the spread of the gospel. And he supposes the period of the war was that embracing the persecutions of of Diocletian, Galerius, Maxentius, Maximen and Licinius, and terminated by the victories of Constantine, and especially that over Licinius who is represented to have said in his harangu to his soldiers as he was about to draw them out against the forces of Constantine, having sacrawhich of us errs in his belief, and decide between

R Hughs 1, G makes to represent the nations at rest and agita-W. C. McIver 2, W. P. Chilton 10,-Mr Pinkard ism, and the consequent rage and exasperation of its priests and rulers.

The voice in Heaven saying "Now is the salvation, and the power, and the kingdom of our F G Thomas, Sen 2, Mrs Mary Larkin 2, M N God, and the authority of his Annointed, &c." Elev 2, W H Martain 2,75, Rev & T M Handy Symbolized the joys and exultations of Christians R J Ware 5. James Ware 7. E S Walkley I, upon the victories of Constantine over their per-

CHAP. XII. 13-17. The flight of the Wo-Pawney 5, Dr N B Cloud 5, John Cook 5, Dan- man .- The Dragon denotes the pagan priests iel McGill 4, F A Morell 5, Wm Cook 50c, T P and their abettors who would destroy the Chris-G Brumby 3. Richard Stratford 5. J Stratford 5. tian religion and substitute idol-worship. The S B Cloud 5, A J Robert 3, Ebenezer B C serpent symbolizes a succession of cunning and 2.45, Mrs A A Harper 1.50. A Friend to the deceitful civil rulers from the time of Constan-Mission 3, Montgomery B C 32, to constitute tine's elevation to the fall of its eastern and westhe Rey H Talbird L M Dr BS Harper I, tern dynasties. The wings of the woman denote A V Scott 5, David Gordon 1, Col at Havneville | the Christian graces, knowledge, faith, love.con-13,55. The Long 2,50, Rev A W Chambliss stancy and hope by which she-the body of true and Lady 10, Wm Hornbuckle 5, Mrs L M worshippers-was borne above the seductions of Holman 2.50, Mrs J A Barron 5, E A Blunt 2, error with which they were assailed. The flood was a flood of false doctrines, superstitions and impious rites, introduced by Constantine and urcash 25c, cash 25c, W N Wyatt 5, Col at Marion | ged more and more by his successors and other 7. O L Shivers 2. J W Smith 1, Mrs M A princes prior to the victories of the reformation. Tarrant 5. Miss Mary Griffin 25c. Rev John The earth, which drank up that flood denote the Dennis 2. Col at Providence B C 6,75, Rev John people, the subjects and rulers. The time, times, Ford 5, Jesse J Jurdon 20. F H Nelms 2, and half a time," the period of the woman's resicash 1, Col Howard College 2,50, Rev A G. dence in the desert, denotes 1260 years, a time McCraw 10, Mrs S S McCraw 1, Oakmulgee being a year or three hundred and sixty days,

Mrs O Norris 1, Dr Moses Quarles 1, S M Nor. CHAP. XII. 18. XIII. 1-10. The ten-horned ris 50c, cash 50c, Grants Creek B C 30, Tus- wild beast. The wild beast, a symbol of a succaloosa B Church 50 30. 35 of this educate an cession of rulers. Mr. Lord refers to the Gothic Indian boy, Col Pieasant Ridge B C and con-rulers who established themselves in the Western gregation 11.50. Providence B C Sunter county Roman Empire sometime in the fifth century, di-16.15. Gainesville BC 12,35, Sumterville B C and viding it into ten subordinate or minor kingdoms. as follows: 1. The Vandals, who established a kingdom consisting of a part of Gaul, Spain and Northern Africa, early in the fifth century. 2. The 13,15, Col at Linden 5,60, John Kelley 5, Mount Suevi, who established a kingdom about the same Pleasant B C and congregation 30, Nanafaliah time and maintained their authority for 177 years, of Gallicia in Spain. 3. The Visigoths. 4. Ladies to constitute the Rev C M Breaker L M The Alans. 5. The Burgundians. 6. The Franks. 7. Britain. 8. The Ostrogoths under Attila. 9. The Lombards. 10. The Her-

This wild beast was to triumph forty-two months or 1260 days, prophetic years, or precisely York." gregation 30, to constitute the Rev Isaac Lyon, the time the woman is to be in the wilderness.

CHAP. XIII. 11-18. The two-horned wild beast and the image. By this beast, Mr. L. conclusively shows, the Italian Catholic Church is designated; and by the image the Catholic hierarchy as it existed out of Italy, exhibiting the same features as the parent pontificate at

I have passed over as hastily as I could some of these verses as less interesting to the common reader than some of the subsequent chapters.

GEMS FROM THOMAS WATSON. A. D. 1662.

A father is a looking glass, which the child oft dresses himself by; let the glass he clear and not spotted.

Heterodox ministers poison the people with error; the basilisk poisons herbs and flowers by breathing on them; the breath of heretical ministers poisons souls. Error is as damnable as vice,-2 Pet. 2, 1.

A child of God may have the kingdom of grace in his heart and not know it,-The cup was in Benjamin s sack, though he did not know it was there.

The weakest grace shall preserve, as well as the strongest. A sucking child was as safe in the ark as Noah.

Popes' pardons are insignificant, like blanks in a lottery, good for nothing but

They did eat, they did drink, till the flood came. Luke 17: 27. They disordered themselves with drink; and God let them have liquor enough, first they were drowned in wine, and then in water.

throat of a fish, the belly of a swine, and the head of an ass. Discontent is a devil that is always

Drunkeness makes a man have the

S. C.

SECULAR INTELLIGENCE.

Con Cons .- The editor of the Pough

keepsie Journal and Eagle says he has use ed corn cobs in lieu of charcoal for more than a year, and remarks :- From our experience of the use of cobs, we are convinced that they are worth quite as much, bushel for bushel, as the best of charcoal; the same quantity will kindle a fire in less time." If this he the case, it would be well for our farmers to bring them to the city for sale.

with them.

l pound is one quart. Indian meal, 1 and 2 ounces is one quart. Butter, one soft, I pound I ounce is one quart. rows its name-this is the real antique Loaf sugar, broken, I pound is one quart. White sugar, powdered, 1 pound 1 ounce, is one quart. Eggs average size, 10 eggs are one pounc.

Liquid Measures .- Sixteen large table-spoonfuls are 1-2 a pint. Eight table spoonfuls are one gill. Four large table spoonfuls are 1-2 a gill. A common sized tumbler holds half a pint. common sized wineglass holds 1 2 a-gill.

PLATO. - Several anecdotesof Plato are preserved which reflect honor on his moral principles and character. Having raised his hand to correct a servant when in anger, he kept his arm fixed in that posture for a considerable time.-To a friend coming in, and inquiring the reason of his singular conduct, he replied, 'I am punishing a passionate man !" At another time, he said to one of his slaves, Iwould chastise you if I were not angry." When told that his enemies were circulating reports to his disadvantage, he remarked I will so live that no one will believe them." A friend, observing his studious habits, even in extreme old age. inquired how long he intended to be a scholar. "As long," said he, "as I have need to grow wiser and better."

Morals in San Francisco,-A correspondent writes that about \$200,000 change hands every night in that small the Government had expended in North village at the gambling table.

BOSTON PERIODICALS.—The Boston Journal says: "There are fourteen daily papers published in Boston, four of which are evening papers. Seven of these papers publish semi-weekly editions, and twelve publish weekly editions: one biweekly and three semi-weekly are published. There are forty-three weekly papers and two weekly magazines issued, exclusive of the weekly publications of the daily papers. There are seven semi-monthly, nineteen monthly, six bismonthly, and seven quarterly publications issued here. The total number of periodicals issued in Boston is. therefore, one hundred and twenty-one, being the same number as in New

ALPHABETS.-The English alphabet contains 26 letters; the French contains 25; the Hebrew, Chaldec, Syrac, and Samaritan, 22 each; the Arabic 28; the Persian 31; the Turkish 33; the Georgian 36; the Coptic 42; the Muscovite 43; the Greek 24; the Latin 22; the Selevenic 25; the Dutch 26; the Spanish 23; the Italian 20; the Ethopian and Tartarian, each 202; the Indian of Bengal 21; the Burmese 19; the Chinese have, properly speaking, no alphabet, except we call their whole language by that name-their letters are words, or rather byeroglyphics, amounting to 80,000 .- Wright's Paper.

ENVILOPES.—A patented machine has been put in operation at Birmingham, for Judea, Bro. Wilson felt it to be his duty to go making letter envelopes. It is calculated that if worked by manual labor, one man and three boys would be able to turn from 30,000 to 35,000 envelopes in a day, the paper being supplied to the machine ready cut. An expert workman can only make up 2,000 envelopes by hand in a

MACHINE FOR MAKING BOOTS AND SHOES .-William Snoll, of Eaton, Pa., makes gaiters, half boots, etc., without seams, producing any size required, and fitting the foot with great exactness. It dispenses with the knowledge of boot cutting. It is supposed that soon as the machines are brought into general use, that the price of patent leather boots will be one half, or one third reduced.

DRINK AND DISEASE, -It is remarkable, says Dr. Darwin, that all the diseases from drinking spiritous liquors are liable to become hereditary, even to the third generation, and gradually to increase until the family becomes extinct.

A Two-Headed Basy .- The Fon du Lac Republican says, that about two weeks ago, a German woman, in the town of Gamulet, Fon du Lac county, gave birth to a large and healthy child, which has two perfect heads. The child is living, and for aught we know, or can learn, is as healthy as any child in this country.-Chicago Advertiser,

Should the child live, it will furnish an opportunity of testing the truth of the old proverb about two heads being better

PHYSIOLOGY OF THE NOSE .- The Blun flat nose indicates a bold daring adve turous spirit, somewhat fickle-minded but intellectual. The turned up nose is not Waigars & Measures. The following exactly wicked, but oppose it not, or, like

worth 5, Col at Bulah B C 34.05 to constitute stantine, on the contrary declared that his trust tables are given for the use of families a Roxalana, it may compass the death of few technicalities, which may be inter- of a thought, it is a melancholly nose, esting to some who are not acquainted one that turns back from the errors of the world; it makes a good father, good hus-Weights and measures .- Wheat flour, band, but wretched bad company. The aquiline cr eagle nose-proud, corageous noble, like the bird from whom it bor-Greek nose, Then there is the curved or, crooked nose. vehement, ardent, light inflamable-always ready to throw up the reins to temper; Benvenuto Colline's was a nose of this kind.

> THE BRITISH COLONIES .- The British Government, it seems, have forty-three colonies, scattered all over the surface of the globe, and consisting of men differing in race, language, and religion, with various institutions, strange laws, and unknown customs. On the average of the last fifteen years, the direct cost of the colonies to Great Britian, under the four heads of civil, naval, military, and extraordinary expenditure, had amounted to at least £1.000.000 a year, exclusive of the sum paid for emancipating slaves. Last year the military force in the colonies consisted in all, of 45,000 men of all ranks. These troops were scattered about in various stations over 37 colonies. The storehouses of these stations contained stores, if they did not perish of themselves, for about 20 years consumption during peace. In most of these stations considerable sums have been annually expended in fortifications and other ordinance works and the total sum expended upon them in the course of the nineteen years from 1829 to 1847 had amounted to £3,-500,000. For instance, during that period. American ordinance works in all about £1,300,000.

Ice .- A confectioner of London, Mr Masters, has invented a method of making ice instantaneously, and at a trifling ex-

"A MOTHER IN ISRAEL."-A venerable matron recently celebrated her one hun. dredth birthday in Boston. She has six children, 63 grand-children, 125 greatgrandchildren, and 10 great-great-grandchildren now living! All her faculties remain active, and her health almost unimpaired.

MORTUARY.

Departed this life at the place of his late residence in Coosa Co. Ala., the Rev. Benjamin H.

The subject of this brief notice was born January the 11th, 1790, in ____ county, Ga., and died April the 5th, 1949, aged 59 years, two months, and 24 days.

Bro. Wilson professed faith in Christ in 1824, and joined the Baptist church at Hepzibah, Jasper county, Ga. Soon after he was called by the great Head of the church and set apart by the imposition of the hands of a preshytery to the sacred office of the gospel ministry, on the 12th day of February, 1825. It soon became manifest to all, that the labors of Bro. W, were mut in vain in the Lord. He was truly a minister after the apostolic order. Believing that the commission of our Lord to his disciples "Go ye inte all the world and preach the gospel to every creature"-was not limited to them, or to their immediate successors in office, or to the land of and preach Christ crucified every where, as far as in him lay. The field of his labors was not circumscribed any where to one district or State. He telt the missionary fire glowing in his soul : hence he lest his native State, (Ga.,) and immigrated with his family to Alabama, where he labored for the last eight or nine years of his life, with great acceptability and usefulness For the last 4 or 5 years he served us the (Union Church) together with some 3 others in the bounds of the Liberty Association in the duties pertaining to the office of a Pastor, where his labors were abundantly blessed of the Lord.

As a man, the deceased, was remarkable for the gravity and gentleness of his manners. Uniformly kind and obliging to all, he became i very popular preacher, and was held in high estimation by all denominations of christians. We might here mention that there are many who can testify, as eye witnesses, of the unction and power that almost uniformly attended his preachng. He was emphatically a revive nner. A revival of religion was the element in which he delighted to live and breathe.

In the great temperance reform Bro. Wilson stood among the foremost of its advocates and champions. He was one of the original thirteen appointed to meet in Convention in the State of Georgia to draft a constitution for the State Tem perance Society, and organize the same. He lived and preached the great principals of Tem perance up to the day of his death.—He died as he lived strong in faith-firm in hope and in full assurance of a blissful immortelity.

Bro. W. has left a wife afflicted and bareaved and a large family of children, all of whom are grown and members of the church; also merous circle of friends to mourn his loss. They weep, however, not as those who have no hone They rest in the blessed hope that their loss is his eternal gain.

The above written by order of the United Church in Conference. DAVID B. CULBERSON, MA

Wir. JOHNSTON, Church Clerk.

Niche for the Poets.

A FATHER READING THE BIBLE. BY MRS. HEMANS. Twas early day, and sunlight streamed

Soft through a quiet room, That frushed, but forsaken seemed. Still, but with naught of gloom For there, serene in happy age,

Whose hope is from above, A father command with the page Of Heaven's recorded love.

Pure fell the beam, and meekly bright, On his gray holy hair, And touched the page with tenderest light, As if its shrine were there!

But oh, that patriarch's aspect shone With something lovelier far, A radiance all the spirit's own, Caught not from sun or star.

Some word of life e'en then had met His calm, benignant eye, Some ancient promises breathing yet Of Lamortanty:

Some martyr's prayer, wherein the glow Of queschless faith survives: For every feature said -" I know "That my Redeemer lives.!"

And silent stood his children by, Hushing their very breath, Before the sclemn sanctity Of thoughts o'ersweeping death; Shent-yet did not each young breast With love and reverence melt? Oh! blest be those fair girls, and blest That home where God is felt!

Douths' Department.

CONDITION OF SOUTH AMERICAN WO-MEN IN FORMER AGES.

Among the barbarous tribes which inhabited South America, the condition of women was deplorable. In Brazil the women followed their husbands to war, and were obliged to carry arms, provisions, and the entire luggage of the camp. At the Isthmus of Darien, women not only performed these offices for their husbands, but were hired out to travellers to follows: serve as pack mules in transporting their luggage across the country.

The terrible slavery to which women were subjected in these savage tribes, induced them to murder their own female children to save them from so unhappy a fate. When Father Gumilla, a Jesuit missionary, remonstrated with a woman who had committed this revolting crime, she made a reply so finely descriptive of the condition of women in the savage state, that the good father left it on record. of which we have the following translation.

"I wish to God, Father," said she, "that my mother had, by my death, prevented the distresses I have endured, and have yet to endure as long as I live; had she kindly stiffed me at my birth, I should not have felt the pain of death nor the numerous other pains to which life has subjected me. Consider, Father, our deplorable condition. Our husbands go to bunt with tute, that WM. HORNBUCKLE Esq. has been comtheir bows and arrows, and trouble themselves no further. We are dragged along, with one infant at our breast and another in a basket. They return in the evening without any burthen; we return with the burthen of our children, and though fatigued by a long walk, we are not allowed to sleep, but must labor the whole night grinding maize to make chica for them to get drunk on. They get drunk, beat us. young ladies will receive all the attention and draw us by the hair of our heads, and tread us under their feet; and what have we to console us for this slavery, perhaps of twenty years?-A young wife is brought in upon us, and permitted to abuse us and our children. Can human nature endure such tyranny? What kindness can we show our female children equal to that of rance, for each term of five months; the balance at the relieving them from such servitude, more | end of the term, bitter a thousand times than death? I say again, would to God my mother had put me under ground the moment I was born."

When the Caribs were asked why they made-such slaves of their women, they gave the simple answer that they were the weaker-an honest admission which all men-tyrants are not candid enough to

There is a remarkable circumstance in connection with the condition and treatment of women by the Indians of South America. The Spaniards of that period possessed much of the remains of chivalry, and their treatment of women was habitually tender-and respectful. This treatmont was so novel and charming to the Indian women, that leaving their husbands and fathers, they flocked to the Spaniards by hundreds, furnishing them with provisions, guided them through the intricate passes, procured aimportant information, and contributed more than other causes to the speedy conquest of that vast country.

the devil slides down in the liquor; ex- that will fit them for the varied duties of life. By cess in meat and drink clouds the mind, an unweared devotion to the interests of his puchokes good affections, provokes lust;

Those who have escaped the rocks of gross sins, yet have been cast away upon the golden sands.

WANTED.

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