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"CHARITY REJOICETH NOT IN INIQUITY, BUT REJOICETH IN THE TRUTH. "-1 Corinthians, xili, 6.

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The Certainty of Divine Purposes and the Contingency of Second Causes.

A Sermon, by Rev. Thomas F. Curlis, Profes. sor of Theology and Moral Science, in How. ard College, Alabama.

III. To shew by yet another illustrax election.

He, ye shall die in your sins." "Except and with certainty produce the other. a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." And this you perceive. Paul said, "except these abide in the ship, ye cannot be saved."

throughout all scripture-through all the that case. No future event, therefore, can be othovernment of God. We have not dis. erwise than contingent with man, except as he

ly certain with him. The certainty of an event then in the sight of God. does not destroy its contingency so far as man is concerned. In order to escape this conclusion, the objector must plunge into the tional anniversaries. The New York absurdities of fatalism on the one hand, Baptist Register, of the 15th inst., has or Atheism on the other. Common Deism would afford no refuge.

But this is not a merely suppositious case. The Divine Being perfectly knows every event that will take place, even every decision the mind of man will make, otherwise, he were not omniscient. He knows, to illustrate our statement most clearly, how many bales of merchandize the merchant will dispose of, and how many bags

ter will make. It is with him, therefore, perfectly certain. And yet each merchant knows that his goods will never come, unless he orders them, or be sold. unless he sells them. And each planter knows that his success is contingent on his efforts; nor does he expect to reap a harvest where he sows no seed. And as in temporal things, so also is it in things spiritual. "Whatsoever a man soweth. that shall he also reap. He that soweth tion, that certainty on the part of God to the flesh, shall of the flesh reap corrupdoes not interfere with the contingency of tion, and he that soweth to the Spirit. second causes, or on the part of man, we shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.' appeal further to the doctrine of personal The certainty with God does not interfere with human freedom in the one case, it is plainly asserted in scripture, that more than in the other. The planter who the people of God have been chosen to on account of the certainty of the matter their high privilege from all eternity- with God, should neglect to plant or to "chosen in Christ before the foundation tend his crop, would not be more sure to of the world:" "Predestinated unto the lose his harvest, than he who neglects to adoption of children, according to the pray on account of the certainty of the good pleasure of his will :"-Chosen not D.vine purposes, will be certain to lose on account of good works, or foreseen bo his soul. But if it would be absurd for liness, but "created in Christ Jesus unto the diligent planter to fear that his prosgood works, which God hath before or- pect for success was no greater after all dained that we should walk in them .- his toil than the idler's, equally foolish is Well, therefore, may Jesus say to his peo- it to suppose, that the certainty of the ple, one and all, "ye have not chosen me, Divine purposes renders our efforts to obbut I have chosen you." And yet the tain salvation unavailing and useless. salvation of all these, though perfectly Oh no, brethren, God's certain foreknowlcertain with Ilim, is ever represented in edge and decrees, interfere not with the the scripture as just as contingent and contingency of second causes; but leave enditional on their repentance and faith. them as unfettered and free, as if there as if there were no purpose at all. The were no purposes-no certainty at all. Saviour declares to every man elect or They even establish the laws of cause and net elect. " Except ye believe that I am effect, so that the one shall legitimately

\* Chance, as Dr. Campbell justly remarks, (Phiis all just as contingent on the one hand, losophy of Rhetoric, Book I, chap, 4, sec. 2, Part and yet just as certain on the other, and 3, 4, "does not imply the absence of a cause, but yet no more contradictory, than when St. only our ignorance of the cause." So when we speak of an event as contingent, we do not mean to express any doubt that it will really happen, according to the laws of cause and effect, but simply We see this principle then running that we are ignorant how those laws will operate in

### Anniversaries.

The month of May, in this country, is a sort of religious jubilee-being the season of most of the important denominas pretty full accounts of several of these per meetings in New York City, from which

we gather the following items : AMERICAN BAPTIST HOME MISSION SOCIETY. The anniversary of this society was held in the Oliver street Baptist meeting huose, on Thursday the 8th inst,-Rev Dr. Cone in the chair. The Secretary and Treasurer made full reports, after the usual manner.

The following abstract gives a summary view of the financial affairs, missionary labors and results, up to the 1st day of April 1851.

Balance from last year's ac-\$4,965,61 count, Cash receipts from all sources, 32,119,89

Total amount of cash receivs ed for the year ending March 31st, 37,085,50 Total amount of disbursements for the same period 33,985,95

Leaving a balance in the treas-3,099,55 ury of

Amount of liabilities of the Society, March 31st 1851, \$25 323,50

Amount of available resources, March 31st 1851, 6,339.55

Balance against the Society,

March 31st, 1851. Of the above amount of receipts, \$28,-998.28 were in contributions, donations, legacies, &c., being an increase over the amount of similar receipts last year of foe. \$3,707,19, independent of the amount received for the "Home Mission Record." One hundred and forty ministers have the sacred writer makes use of figuras labored as missionaries or agents of the tively to represent the different graces, to cover and defend the head-it was of self-sufficient and positive. It is impatient Society during the past year.

The whole number of States, Territories and Provinces occupied, was 15 .-The number of stations and out-stations supplied, 386, and the aggregate amount rated by St. Paul, as constituting a comof time bestowed upon the field, equal to plete coat of arms for the heavenly warthat of one man for 97 years and 11 rior, which would fully qualify him for jug the promised rest, and of being hap- the case of a certain king of Israel. months.

The missionaries report the baptism of 981 persons: the organization of 33 churches, and the ordination of 37 ministers.\*

\*In addition to the above, the missionaries re-

him because he does not visit you.

6. Be always finding fault with your mies.

pastor, and yet regret that he is not more popular with the people.

7. Be very lukewarm and worldlyminded, and yet complain of him for want of zeal. wants, and then complain of him because

he wants his salary. fail to have a poor pastor.

From the Recorder: The Heavenly Panoply-an Exposition Ephesians 6 : 13-17.

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Wherefore take unto you the whole armor of God, &c.-Heathen Mythology the substance of things hoped for, the had the gift of prophecy, und understood all mysteries, and all knowledge; and sided over fire, the patron of all artists flict against the powers of darkness, with withstand in the evil day-day of battle, trust his soul, his interests and his all. the assaults of the enemy without discomfit, and finally triumph over every

The Grecian armor consisted of several parts, the most important of which dispositions and tempers of mind by which believers were enabled to resist and conquer all their adversaries. The following are the articles enume-

the field of strife :--

GIRDLE.

armor close and firm to the body, and hope ! to sustain daggers, poiniards, short swords, and such weapons as were used for stab-

5. Treat your pastor with a cold and divine truth-a thorough knoweldge of do not pray. They are fervent, pungent, uninviting civility, and then complain of Jesus Christ. We, my Christian brethren 5. Neglect to pray for a blessing upon for the spiritual conflict, let us be shod him and his labors, and then complain of with the preparation of the gospel of him because the church does not pross peace, that we may be able to stand up pular excitement, frequent in their appeals,

### SHIELD.

Above all taking the shield of faith .-

evidence of things not seen. out of heaven by his father and falling to in protecting his body, warding off danble to every foe. The Christian must put liever to feel that Jesus is not only the

HELMET. Take the Helmet of salvation .-- The word rendered helmet is compounded of peri, around, and kephale, the head-around the head.

The helmet was a kind of military cap

### SWORD.

persuasive, convincing, but they do not are soldiers enlisted-drafted-drawn, pray. They may be zealous and enters -prising, leaders in the movements of public activity, the first and foremost in pos against our numerous and powerful ene- abundant in their labors, working zealous-

ly in various modes and in divers places, but they do not pray. They are men of integrity, purity, benevolence, but they do It is not meant that the shield of faith in not pray. And this one thing-their "repoint of value is "above all," or more straining prayer," their not "calling upon properly rendered, before all ; but of sit- God," their not "seeking after" nor "stir-8. Neglect to provide for his necessary uation ; as the soldier holds shis shield ring up themselves to take hold of" Him, before him for protection. The kind of this like the want of love in the Christian (thurcos) to which the apostle here alludes character, "stains the glory" of every Do all these things and you will never is the largest kind, sufficiently so to cov- thing else ; it renders worthless their geer the whole body. It was made of wood nius, talents, and acquisitions; obstructs and covered with hides, of an oblong their own spiritual prosperity ; impedes shape, and curves so as to embrace the their usefulness and blasts their success, whole fore part of the body; it was Though a minister were an apostle, and worn on the left arm, and was generally did not pray, his 'speech and his preachused by heavy armed troops. "The shield ing' would not be 'with the demonstration of faith." here means that faith which is of the Spirit and of power.' 'Though he

Faith is presented to us under the em- though he had faith that could remove who worked in iron and metals, was cast blem of a shield, as it served the soldier mountains,' and did not pray, 'he would be nothing.' 'Though he gave all his goods the earth, he forged thunder-bolts for Ju- ger, and receiving the darts of the enemy; to feed the poor, and his body to be burnt,' piter and became the great armor-maker so faith in Christ will enable the believs and did not pray, 'it would profit him for the gods and the most celebrated he- er to ward of the temptations of the nothing.' Though he spake with the tonroes. This is all a fable ; but what the world, and quench all the fiery darts of gues of men and of angels,' and did not apostle says of the armor of God is as of Satan. It is that appropriating faith pray, he would be but 'as sounding brass, true as it is important. The Savior has which recognizes God to be our Father, or a tinkling cymbal.' He might be 'like provided for every soldier of the cross, a and that he for his Son's sake has forgiv- unto one that hath a pleasant voice and a full, complete suit of armor both for tight- en all our sins. It takes hold of the pro- lovely song, and that plays well upon an ing and for defence, which is invulnera- mises of the gospel and enables the be- instrument;" but the music of the lip and the hand only, will never charm away on, assume the panoply of God prepars Saviour of sinners, but that he is my Sa- the evil spirit from Saul; nor can it have ed for him, and go forth to the field of con- vior, that he died for me, and that his blood in it that Divine and life-giving harmocleanses me from sin. In the hands of uy which "of stones can raise up children. \$18.983.98 the assurance that he shall be able to the precious Redeemer he is willing to unto Abraham"-The Closet and the Church by Rev. T. Binney.

Dogmatism of Superficial Religion.

J. RICHER. Fidelity to truth prompts the further remark, that superficial religion is extremely prone to be dog matic. It is apt to be various forms and frequently embossed of any attempt to instruct its ignorance. with a great variety of emblamatic fig- Indeed, ignorance is something to which ures. By the helmet of salvation the a- it does not confess. In its very cradle, postles intends that well grounded hope it is wiser than all its teachers. Destiwhich the Christian enjoys of finally thro' tute of true self-knowledge, humility is, grace triumphing over every foe, of reach- of course, out of the question. As in py forever at God's right hand in heaven. thrown by a violent revolutionary con-O what believer has notfelt the sustaining, vulsion from the lowest regions of socie-Having your loins girt about with truth. exhilerating and comforting influences ty, upon the giddiest heights of power, -The girdle (zoma) was used to bind the of hope ? O sacred hope-O blissful the cry which rises above, and drowns every other, is. "Come and see my zeal for the Lord !"

The sword of the spirit which is the word Deep rivers move silently, while the bing, which were generally borne in it. of God.—The original word machairan brooklet that owes its very being to the everlasting life. Hence his dogmatism. censorious bearing with which he often. We have briefly noticed the Christian's treats others. He has some how become, possessed with the idea that he is the man, and that wisdom will die with him; when, truth to tell, spiritual ignorance is the most marked feature in his character. Remove it, and you deprive him. to the wholsome extremity in which Jab "I have heard of thee by the hearing of the ear, but now mine eves seeth , thee ; wherefore, I abhor myself, and repent in dust and ashes !"

but sought merely to establish and illusy with God. trate the fact. He who is still rash enough to maintain, that the certainty of a thing in the sight of God, is inconsistent with the contingency of second caupute is not with this or that denomination ence, is not likely to prove very useful. of Christians, but with Christianity itself 1. Think more of Christ and less of self. Being, if not with His existence.

vine decree by rendering an event cers and sadness; but think of Christ-his love tain before it takes place, must destroy all to you-the efficacy of his atonementcontingency in regard to it. This I deny. the prevalence of his intercession-the man. \* Certain in the sight of the first usefulness. by which it is brought about.

fer want; to be holy, and thus saved, or reapers. to be wicked, and finally lost. Let us will admit to be perfectly free-his actions all contingent. But now let us alter the supposition, and although God shall have formed no purpose or decree whatever in regard to this man, let us conceive that in the inscrutable recesses of his own mind, he suddenly and with perfect certainty, foreseas all that he will 10. If he now certainly knows what

that man will do, what he will do must wise, he could not certainly know it. But still, the mere fact of God's knowing what he will do, if he interfere or not, to alter any event, cannot make that individual. less a free agent, or his actions less really contingent upon his own choice, than if unknown. If they were contingent betreknown to God, and therefore, perfect. every good work.

cussed the metaphysics of this question, beating upon it, while no event can be contingent

# Brother Doubtful.

I have a few words of counsel to offer not blame us. He must conceive himself which, I fear, will not prove acceptable, 21,992 volumes in their libraries. a better logician than St. Paul. His dis- and which, judging from my past experi-

-nay more, as we will shew, with the You constantly dwell, in your meditations, most essential attributes of a Supreme on your own infirmities and short comings; your temptations and dangers-But it still has been objected, and doubt- your poverty and unworthiness; and these less will be again and again, that a Discan yield you naught but shame, distrust That an event cannot be contingent in faithfulness of his promises--the pleathe same sense that it is certain, or in re- santness of his service--and the glory of gard to the same being, is most true. But | his kingdom ; and these subjects will exan event may be perfectly certain with hilerate your spirits, invigorate your faith, God, and yet contingent in regard to inflame your love, and fit you for a life of

great cause, and yet contingent to us up 2. Labor more, and groan less. Your on the operation of all the second causes infirmity is a spiritual dyspepsy; if not induced at least greatly aggravated by To set this in as clear a light as possi- inactivity; and it can be cured only by ble, let us suppose the Divine Being to an opposite regime. Groaning is but a create a man on purpose to make him symptom of the malady, and can never perfectly a free agent in the sight of the tend to mitigate its severity ; but labor-objector, and all his actions contingent laboring for salvation-for souls-for on his own will. There shall be no pur- Christ, will to sooth, if it does not cure it. pose whatever in regard to him. He shall Rise then, brethren, and enter on your ape free to do, or not to do, without inter- propriate toils. The fields before you are ference; to plant his fields and reap the white to harvest, and you are invited to reward of industry, or to be idle and suf- share in the labors and rewards of the

3. Pray more and complain less. You even suppose the Divine Being not to complain of your want of faith, want of know before hand, any of the decisions to love and want of joy; of your evil which his mind will come. Such a be- thoughts, your sore temptations, and your ing, every one, even the stoutest objector, disheartening gloom. We are tired of your complaints, they neither edify us, nor profit you.

"Were half the breath thus vainly spent,
To heaven in supplication sent,
Your cheerful songs, would oftener be,
Hear what the Lord hath done for me."

4. Seek a nutricious, spiritual aliment. If a vicious taste should cause you to read novels, or even exciting religious books, be perfectly certain in his sight, for other- in preference to Scriptures, no wonder you should be sickly and feeble. The unadulterated Word of God is the Christian's proper, spiritual nutriment; and if he reads, studies, and "inwardly digests" its sacred truths, he will be nourished, refreshed, and filled for usefulness. The those actions and purposes had remained Bible Christian is not likely to be a Doubting Christian: but strong in faith, fervent fore, they are contingent now, though in spirit, and ready to every good word, sermon as light and chaffy, or dry and un-

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having preached 13.341 sermons, delivered 1,356 lectures, or public addresses on moral and penevolent subjects ; made 28,378 pastoral visits attended 8,248 prayer and other religious meetingobtained 1,500 signatures to the temperature pledge and travelled 95,537 miles in discharge of their du The monthly concert of praver is observed a 68 stations. Connected with the Churches are 183 ses, or freedom on the part of man, can- to brother Doubtful and his brethren, Sunday-schools and 94 Bible classes, having 1,127 teachers and 8,782 scholars, and furnished with

### AMERICAN & FOREIGN BIELE SOCI-ETY.

New YORK, May 9, 1851. The anniversary of this Society was

M. Dr. B. T. Welch, President. The Treasurer presented his report in detail. the amount expended something over, they may be able to stand firmly in the word of God for his sword, the only wealeaving a balance of \$356,47 due the day of battle. We must know, love and pon of offence. With this weapon we his over-confidence in himself, and the treasury. The aggregate of receipts practice the truth. were some \$1,000 more than that of the year preceeding.

The sum appropriated to the Missions ary Union, was about \$15,000, which the whole region of the breast, in which boots, the shield the helmet and sword. was the amount asked of the Society .of Bibles and Testaments, was \$8 330, Br. Cutting, the Corresponding Secretary, presented an able report, in which the transactions of the Society for the is to preach a discourse on the melancholly bereavement, in the Baptist Tabernacle. The foreign operations were spoken of as very encouraging in their results.

"The Society met with great success in Germany. where 23,000 Bibles had been distributed. To Etinburgh, 25,000 Bibles and Testaments had been sent, conddct, must be the breast-plate of all and in many other parts of Europe which the speaker named, a like progress has fare with any hope or expectation of tribeen made.

The Bible has been translated, printed and widely circulated in India, Orissa, Burmah, Siam, and China, What the Society had accomplished in all these countries, offered the most gratifying as surances of success.

### The Way to Make a Poor Pastor.

I. Be very careless and irregular in attending church. Never go, except when you can manufacture no good excuse to stay at home.

2. When at church, be either asleep, or staring about. Do not listen to the sermon.

3. When you go home, complain of the interesting.

This kind of girdle or belt is still in use translated sword was the short sword passing shower, brawls along its noisy among the oriental nations at the press with two edges, which were generally bed, as if to proclaim, first its existence, ent day. It forms to the soldier's person used by gladiators, or in single combat. and afterwards its importance, to the great defence when he marches forth to It is the only offensive weapon mention- whole surrounding region. Just so it is in battle. But the Christian soldier, instead tioned in this enumeration of the various religion. The man who has the deep of wearing the finely ornamented girdle articles of the Christian's armor. It is the waters of piety in his soul, is commonlysuch as ancient warriors wore, is to have most ancient instrument of offence men- slow to speak. He thinks little of him the loins girded round about with truth. tioned in the Bible, and seems to have self, and much of his profession and his To have the "loins girt about with truth," been worn on the left side in the girdle. Master's service. There is abundance, undoubtedly means sincere and conscien. The inspired writer would direct our in his heart, though he is more prone to tious loyalty to Christ, the King of Zion. minds to the con emp'ation of a more gloti- withhold it when it is needed, than to Unless the gospel-the truth, is known ous weapon than one madeof brassor steel, make an ostentatious display of it to the and conscientiously believed, in vain with which thousands and tens of thous world. But in the man whose religion held at the Oliver street chapel on Friday may any attempt to enlist under the ban- ands have been slain on the field of battle; is chiefly external, all this is reversed, His the 9th inst., opening at 10 o'clock, A. ner of the great Captain of salvation - it is thesword of the spirit-the Bible, the Christianity is mainly objective-some-The disciples of the Lord Jesus must be revelation which God made to man and thing to be looked at and talked about, ensireled with the girdle of truth, to which is able to make him wise unto sale a- rather than felt as an inner and spiritual The amount received was \$44,983, and strengthen and support their loins, that tion. The Christian warrior must take the being, a well of water springing up into

BREAST PLATE.

the most vital parts of man are containthe true sense of the term, as it stands in that love his appearing." connection with this passage of Scripture. Purity of heart and rectitude of those who would enter this spiritual warunphing over the enemy.

GREAVES.

being wounded by stones, thorns, and

can withstand the powers of hell.

Having on the breast-plate of righteous- panoply in its several parts, consisting of ness.-The breast-plate (thorax) covered the girdle, the breast-plate, the greaves, or He who has all these is fully equipped, The total of foreign appropriations was ed. It was defended by scales and join- and is ready for the bloody contest. We some \$23'000, and the receipts from sale ted by bands. The breast plate defend- are exhorted to put on the whole armor in fact of his very religion-or what he. ed the heart and lungs, on which, in a of God. We shall need it through all the has cherished as such-and reduce him great measure, depends man's existence. campaign. Soldier of the cross light on The breast-plate of righteousness" sig- and you will be able to realize with St. found himself, when forced to exclaim, nifies that holy principle implanted in the Paul, when he viewed the closing scene, last year were reviewed. The death of heart by the Spirit of God, from which the termination of the warfare. "I have Dr. Judson was appropriately noticed ; Hows a sincere and habitual obedience to fought a good fight ; I have finished my and on Lord's day evening, Dr. Babcock all the commands of Christ, and which course ; I have kept the faith ; hencewill shield them from mortal wounds in forth there is laid up for me a crown of the day of conflict, Righteousness (dika- righteousness, which the Lord the righteisune) is a word of extensive signi- ous judge shall give me, at that day; and fication; but the above, I believe is not to me only, but unto all them also

R. I. D.

### Praverless Ministers.

In spite of all that we have enumerated; in spite of personal ability, official order, pulpit accomplishments, grave and decorous public devotion, force of utterance. Your feet shod with the preparation of animated feeling, Scriptural topics, methe gospel of peace .-- The foot soldiers in ral worth; in spite of these and of other ancient times wore greaves or brazen excellencies, there is one evil in the hab- ers. boots (knemides) as a part of their de- its of these men, which, hidden as it is fensive harness, to prevent the feet from from the human eye, is real and deadly. tween you and the rude, malicious, or reand eats, "as doth a canker," into all they similar impediments, which were often atter and all they do. They "do not prosplaced in their way. Some of them had per." and their flocks are "scattered," spikes in their soles which gave to those for they have become "brutish," and who wore them a firm footing, even on "have not sought the Lord." This, then, slippery ground. The phrase "shod with is the defect that poisons everything; they the preparation of the gospel of peace." are not men of frequent, earnest, private signifies a *a readiness to obey the gospel* devotion. They have great abilities, but precepts. Our motives to obedience, they do not pray. They are ministers of amidst the snares and allurements of the Christ, according to outward order, but world, the wiles and machinations of Sa- they do not pray. They are good, and. divine injunction, "Be courteous." tan, must be derived from clear views of perhaps, even great preachers, but they i kindly affectioned one to another."

### Kind Words---Use Them.

Because they fall pleasantly on the ears of all to whom they are addressed, and it is therefore one of the ways of promoting human happiness.

Because they give an impression in your favor, and thus prepare the way for your greater influence over others for good.

Because kind words powerfully contrist bute to soothe and quiet your own spirit, when ruffled by the unkindness of oth-

Because they show the difference bevengeful, and are suited to show them their wrong.

Because they are suited to stir up the kind affections your own heart, There is sweet music in such a voice rightly to affect the soul.

Because they are so uncommon, use them; that there may be more of such bright stars in our dark firmament.

Because they aid in carrying out the "Be

# THE BAPTIST.

# MARION. ALA. WEDNESDAY, mmm. JUNE 4. 1851.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS .- The correspondents of Rev. Michael Ross will remark that instead of Blackwater, as heretofore, his Post Office address is Centre Ridge, Kemper county, Miss.

(This notice was prepared several weeks ago, as requested, but overlooked by our printer.) Rev. Thomas Chilton having removed to

Newbern, Ala, requests his correspondents to address him at that place.

This notice, forwarded to us more than a moath ago, has but just reached us. although brother Chilton resides within twenty miles of this place. This shows the way our faithful Post Masters do things.

Rev. William Taliaferro having accepted an invitation to the Pastorate of the Baptist church at Matagorda, Texas, requests his correspondents to address him at that place.

This position was formerly occupied by our excellent brother, Rev. Noah Hill, who resigned it with a view to devote his services to the colored people. It will be gratifying to our Texas brethren to learn that the vacancy is so soon filled by one so well adapted to usefulness as the present incumbent. Brother Taliaterro is an educated, talented and pious minister. May he prove a great blessing.

THE BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION OF TEX. As.-This body will commence its third annual session at Independence, on the 14th of June .---The Convention never presented so encouraging an aspect as at present-its success during this Conventional year exceeds the expectations of its most sanguine friends.

Our indefatigable Agent, brother Creath, has done a noble work for the cause in Texas. As prominent portion of the State; and the claims of the Convention are regarded favorably by our brethren from the Sabine to the Rio Grande.

We expect the next Convention to be one of unusual interest. We hope to see a larger assembly of Baptists at Independence than were ever before assembled in Texas. B.

ANNIVERSARY OF BAYLOR UNIVERSITY .-The annual examination of this flourishing Institution will commence on the 10th of June .--A literary address will be delivered at the close C. Burleson of Houston.

### Origin of the Baptists-The Discussion -- Our Attack.

At the request of Prof, Curtis, we consented last week to open our columns to the Rev. Mr. Stickney and himself for a discussion on the "Origin of the Baptist church." This discussion was called forth by Mr. Stickney's own proposition, to prove that the Baptist church was founded by John Buccold, a poligamist, in the year 1534; that it has no authorized ministry, and no sacraments, except as a "clumsy counterfeit on the real:"-and in making which, it will be observed how greatly the Rev. gentleman has dodged the issues to which we challenged him in the onset-to "prove or retract" certain slanderous allegations respecting the Baltists, circulated in a Tract put out by his means in this community. Be it so : we waive that demand for the present, that he may display the measure of his ability in doing one thing at a time, In our present week's issue will be found the first number of Mr. Stickney's series. Considering its length and the grandiloquent flourish about what he would do, one might expect a desperate slaughter of the "Sect every where spoken against;" but we have studied his words to small purpose, if they do not have the same effect as the fires of Neb uchadnezzar's furnace--consuming most fiercely those that kindled them. As to the point in hand, Mr. Stickney has missed the whole world ! and we pity Prof. Curtis most of all, that instead of having something to refute, he will be compelled to conduct the entire argument alone, from stem to stern. This he is quite able to do, and Mr. Stickney will have to manage his affairs with extraordinary skill, or he will conclude in the sequel he has sprung the wrong question and in the wrong place. But, perhaps, it is indelicate in us to express our opinion so freely at this time, and we desist. There is one thing we desire to do, before we have done--to correct a mis-statement of Mr. Stickney at the beginning of his letter. He notifies the public that he is defending himself against an attack made upon him by the Editor of the South Western Baptist. Now, verily, this is a pretty story! We attacked him, after that he had clandestinely circulated in this community, against the whole Baptist family, the most wanton and barefaced slanders for three years !! Attacked him with a vengeance, when unprovoked and unrestrained he had covertly taught for years, that the whole Baptist denomination sprung from a seditious, pestilent poligamist, who had eleven wives, and justified his abandonment by reference to Scripture !! Yes, we attacked him, and challenged the proof of the entire batch of his calumnies, or in case of failure, an unequivocal retraction of the charge; and if in this we have made ourself vile, then we hope ever to be vile under like circumstances. No, we never opened our mouth, nor moved our pen with respect to Mr. Stickney, until long after he had commenced his umbecoming work of distributing this absurd and slanderous Tract to the prejudice of the Baptists; only when this was done, we as a Baptist and the conductor of a Baptist Organ, felt it our province to call him to account. This is the sum total of our attack. and we shall hold him to it, until it is manifest that he has quite atoned, for the attack he has here made on the Baptists. We have thought it necessary to say this much in relation to the whole subject of the discussion as it now opens, on account of the continual change taking place in our circulation. Since our first notice of Mr. Stickney and the Tract less than a month ago, we have perhaps entered more than one hundred new names on our books, and about thirty within the last week. That all our readers may be apprized of the full merits of the case, we must explain , occasionally ; and we hope moreover, that all who read Mr. Stickney's letters will be certian to read those of Prof. Curtis, leo. Brethren, make a vigorous effort to circulate

### Apostolical Succession.

The Episcopal Convention of Texas has just closed its second session in Galveston. We are happy to learn that the meeting was interesting and exceedingly harmonious. Bishop Freeman is now in Houston on his way to the interior of the State, to complete his present Episcopal visitation of this Diocese. Dr. Freeman's sound practical sense, great experience and christian courtesy, render him very popular,-hence, his visits to Texas, are anticipated with great pleasure, especially by his Episcopal brethren.

And on these occasions the "Dissenters" are sometimes reminded, that they have no ordinations and no churches, because they have no regular succession from the Apostles. Baptists have sometimes been advised to come and join the church which can prove an unbroken succession back to the Apostles!

As such vast importance is attached to "Apostolic Succession," it were well to examine the subject fully. But as many persons have not the books nor the time for a thorough investigation, I will give the testimony of two authors, both of whom were Episcopalians and had the means of examining the subject in its fullest extent.

Our first witness is Dr. Whately, Archbishop of Dublin, and the Prince of Logicians. He says: "Successors in the Apostolic office, the Apostles had none." "There is not a minister in all christendom, who is able to trace up with any approach to certainty, his own spiritual pedigree." (See Kingdom of Christ, p. 182.)-Bishops and Rectors may tell you that they can race their succession back to Paul, or Peter or John. but this is what the Archbishop says,

Perhaps it will be said that as this is a histor ical question, Dr. Whately is not so competent a witness, as he is rather a Logician than a Historiap. I am than willing to refer it to the profoundest Historian of the age-therefore, our second Agent of the Convention, he has visited every witness is Macauley, the great Historian. Of "Apostolic Succession," he says: "Whether we consider the palpable absurdity of this doctrine, its utter destitution of historical evidence, or the outrage it implies on christian charity, it is equally revolting. The arguments against it are infinite; the evidence for it, is absolutely nothing. It rests not upon one doubtful assumption, but fifty; and when these are compounded together according to Whately's receipt for guaging the force of arguments, it defies the power of any calculus ever invented by man to

### copalian, by the way. The above quotations and several works

which I have examined on both sides of the Episcopal controversy, have brought me irresistally to this conclusion-that if all the apostolic grace, or ordaining power which has flowed through an unbroken succession from the Apostles down to all the Bishops of the United States, could be collected together, the amount would be so small as to require the largest spiritual microscope to perceive it; and then it is so small it would be almost impossible to determine whether it were now flowing towards Jerusalem and the Bible, or towards Rome,

I have a profound regard for the talents and fervent piety of many of the Episcopal Clergy and Bishops, but I regard their pretensions to 'Apostolical Succession" and exclusive ordaining power as without foundation in history or the Bible-nay, an absurdity. B.

#### Distressing Accident.

Bro. Chambliss :- Our city has this day been the scene of a most heart rending casualty .--Peter Bayliss, second son of our highly estimable brother and fellow-citizen, Maj. John Y. Bayliss, was killed at 1 o'clock, P. M. by the accidental discharge of an old shot gun. The contents entered his right temple, and ranging obliquely across the lower part of his forehead, shattered the skull and dashed out a portion of his brains. He gasped but a few minutes and was gone! A father's heart is crushed and a mother's grief quite inconsolable.

Yours, fraternally,

I. H. MILLIKEN. Aberdeen, Miss. May 24, 1851.

CHANGE OF RELATIONS .- By a private letter from Rev. A. T. M. Handy of Macon county. we learn that the Rev. Mr. Shanks, for many years a minister in the Methodist connection was baptized by Brother Robertson, at the Rehoboth church, Montgomery county, Ala. on the 18th ult.

The New York Chronicle mentions that the Rev. Dr. Lillie, late pastor of the Presbyterian church of Mansfield, N. J. preached for Dr. Cone, in the First Baptist church of that city, on Lord's day, 25th at 101 o'clock, A. M. givng his reasons for becoming a Baptist.

REV. WM. R. MEADOR .- Our readers will be glad to hear from this long afflicted brother at Tampa, Florida. By a letter recently received, we are informed that his health, which confined him to his room almost entirely during the winter, has slightly improved on the opening of spring. His excellent frame of mind continues amid his protracted illness, and he only waits the further development of the divine will with respect to life or death. His temporal condition, though little hinted at, we fear is not so comfortable as it should be, and we sug- French will be superintended by a Professor of exgest that the benevolent brethren who so generously contributed to the relief of his wants last year, would do well to consider them again .-Let those who would share the approval of the divine Lord-"I was hungry and ye gave me meat, sick and ye visited me"-bear the case of our dear brother in mind. Any contributions forwarded to us or to brother Holman, for his benefit, will be transmitted immediately.

Soul PROSPERITY .--- The admirable series of articles appearing in our paper under this head, cannot fail to be appreciated by the lovers of of the University exercises by the Rev. Rufus determine the ratio of improbability." The good truths told in a good way. An intelligent above is the disinterested testimony of one of and pious minister in the West, says:-"I do the profoundest Historians of the age, an Epis. not know that any thing could have appeared in our midst more timely than brother Mallary's

series on 'Soul Prosperity.' I have been highly interested, and I trust profited, in their perusal. With that precious brother I have not had the pleasure of a personal acquaintance, but I thank God that such men live among us, and I would that we had many more such fathers in Israel." This we doubt not is the feeling of all who have carefully read his numbers.

A BAPTIST PREACHER FOR SANTA FE.-We are very happy to see the Home Mission Society have a minister to this city. It is an important point, the center of great influence. We are anxious to see every strong position near the eastern frontier of Mexico well fortified with evangelical ministers, that these strong positions may become so many light-houses to illumine and elevate our sister Republic. We clip the following from the New York Recorder : "An interesting public meeting was held on Wednesday evening, 2d inst., in the Eleventh church, Philadelphia, Rev. Mr. Gillett's, as a public designation and farewell meeting to Rev. Lewis Smith, who, under appointment from the "Home Mission Society," is about to leave for Santa Fe, New Mexico. Brother Smith is well known and highly esteemed among the churches of this region, and all feel sorry and some sore at the idea of his leaving the State. The meeting was opened by the Rev. J. H. Kennard by prayer. Rev. Mr. Magoon of New York, then delivered an interesting and tervid address, on the general subject of the "Western world."-He thought that in the westward progress of empire, Santa Fe would in the course of time be about the centre of our confederacy." B.

Resolved further, That these proceedings be published twice in the South Western Baptist, and the account be forwarded to the Clerk of the church who is authorized to settle the same. Done in Conference at a regular meeting of the New Providence Baptist church, Amite county, Miss., at the April term. 1851.

A. McKENZIE, Moderator, A. W. CAIN, Ch. Clk.

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## New Female Seminary.

For Boarders and Day-Scholars; corner of Jackson and Prytanea streets, Lafayette. The subscriber would hereby inform Parents of the report prevailed. and Guardians of New Orleans and Lafayette, that he has leased for a term of years, a commodious on Central and South America, presented a reedifice, just erected, on the corner of Jackson and port. He had added the West Indies to the oth-Prytanea streets. Lafayette, in which he purposes stablishing a Seminary for Young Ladies, of the er places named in the resolution raising the highest order ; one that will be inferior in no recommittee, of which he was chairman. He spect to the best institutions, of a similar kind, in read a very interesting report of the facts in the he city of New Orleans. case, which he closed with the following reso-

It is thought that a FEMALE SCHOOL, in which the course of instruction shall be thorough and complete, is much needed in the neighborhood nentioned. The subscriber's long and successful experience as Superintendent of Female Education will ensure a faithful and intelligent discharge of his duties as Principal of the new Institute. He will be assisted by competent and experienced In\_ structors, who are favorably known by the com-

The course of instruction will include-besides the ordinary English Branches, French and Music -the Physical Sciences, (Natural Philosophy, Chemistry, etc.), Rhetoric, Logic, English Literature, Composition, etc.; and German, Spanish, Latin, or Greek, if deisired. The whole course will be superintended by the PRINCIPAL, who will also instruct some of the classes in person, and will pay special attention to the department of Mu-

perience and reputation. Instruction in the higher branches of English-Rhetoric, Logic, etc .- as also in Latin, Greek, and German, will be given by the Rev. WM. C. DUNCAN, M. A., of Louisiana University. Spanish will be taught by a competent instructor.

PRICES OF INSTRUCTION :- English Course, pe month, \$8 CO; Girls under eight years, in English \$6 00; French Language, \$3 00; Music, (Piano, Harp, or Guitar, etc.,) \$10 00; Latin, Greek, German, or Spanish; \$6 00 ; Drawing, \$4 00.

N.B. The School will open on Monday, 19th inst., and will continue throughout the summer. WM. DUNCAN, Principal. Lafayette, May 1, 1851.

## Southern Baptist Convention.

Dear Bro. Chambliss :- As the continuation of the proceedings of the Convention, I send you the following from the Tennessee Baptist. J have not in possession any notes of the last two days proceedings, I had made out a statement from recollection; but the account given below is much more full and definite. I therefore submit it to you. It is proper to state one of two things which have not been noticed. Dr Reynolds, of Kentucky, resigned his office as Vice President of the Convention, on the ground that Kentucky had two Vice Presidents. His resignation was accepted, and Dr. B. Manly, of Alabama, was elected to fill the vacancy.

Dr. Reynolds preached the Domestic Mission Sermon, on Saturday night, to a full an

Bro. Buck said he hoped the discussion would Board to discontinue the "Journal" and the not be protracted.

The Convention calld for the question, and the vote in favor of locating the Bible Board as Nashville, was almost unanimous.

The question then came up on the adoption of the report of the committee on the distribution tion of the Bible, and

The Secretary Mr. Crane spoke at some length in opposition to its adoption. He was opposed to the proposed Board altogether. Ha spoke at great length, and sentiments of caster secession strongly marked his address.

Mr. Buck said if the Convention would consent to vote upon the question without further de. After remarks from Messrs. Mell, Crane, Holman and others, the question on the adoption bate, he would give the opponents of the report the benefit of the speech just made, it not he Mr. Wm. Crane, chairman of the committee claimed the floor to make a speech in anwer to

> The Convention agreed to vote, and the report was adopted almost unanimously.

Mr. Buck moved that the President appoint a committee of five to nominate officers for the Bible Board, which was carried, and

The . President appointed Rev. Mr. Buck, of Ky., Taylor, of Virginia, DeVotie, of Ala, Cul. pepper, of S. C., and Dawson, of Ga.

The President said he would announce at the close of the Convention, the committee to pre-Janiero, Valparaiso, and Panama, or in any othpare an Address upon the subject of the Bibla er port of South America, which in their judg-Board.

Mr. Waller, from the committee on Representation, reported that it was inexpedient to make any change at present.

Mr. Lundy made some inquiry in regard to what the basis of representation was, and by order of the President.

The Secretary read the Constitution on the subject.

Mr. Dawson, from the committee on Life Mem. berships, reported that they had nothing to me port, and were discharged.

The committeee on instruction of the colored The committee on Agencies reported, recompopulation made an interesting report through mending an increase of the number of travelling heir chairman, Rev. Mr. Buck, in which he gencies. spoke of the extraordinary success of the efforts

Mr. Furman, from the committee on the Chi. na Mission, reported that they had nothing special to recommend-expressing their conviction of the importance of prosecuting the commission with enlarged energy and zeal.

Mr. Lundy offered the following resolution.

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to consider the expediency of so amending the third article of the Constitution, so that the members of the Convention shall be members of a regular Baptist Church, and not connected with other bodies opposed to the principles by which ve are governed.

Mr. DeVotie opposed the resolution on the ground that it would decrease the revenue of the Convention, and they wanted money,

The mover supported it briefly, and on taking the question, it was negatived.

Prof. Mell offered the following resolution : Resolved, That the course of the Board of Foreign Missions in respectfully declining the um of money tendered them by the Bible Union of New York meets our approbation.

Some discussion ensued, and a motion to lay on the table with a view to avoid discussion, was carried viva voce.

The President explained the result of the vote which had just been taken, in which exp Corresponding Secretary, and \_\_\_\_\_other mem- tion others joined. It was reconsidered ; and bers to be appointed by this convention, in like the motion to lay the resolution on the table was The resolution was again read by Prof. Mell, and

"Commission" and to issue in their stead a cheap monthly paper, to be entitled "The Home and Foreign Missionary Journal," meets our cordial

Resolved. That the members of this Conven-

tion do pledge themselves to endeavor, as far as

they may be able, to place this paper in every

Rev. Dr. Lvnd, of Kentucky, opposed the re-

port. He was in favor of continuing the Com-

Prof. Mell supported his report at some length.

Resolved, That our Board of Foreign Missions

be recommended to establish Missions so soon

as suitable Missionaries and funds may justify it.

in any or all the cities of Havanah, Mexico, Rio

The President read a note from Rev. Dr. Ful-

er, excusing himself for being absent from the

Convention on the plea of sickness. He was

at the time of writing confined to his bed, but

would preach to-night, (Monday night,) if pos-

The committee on New Fields of labor made

long and interesting report, through Dr. Lynd,

which had attended their exertions in this field,

and the great encouragement to increase these

Dr. Reynolds from the committee on the im-

ortance of Domestic Missions made a brief re-

port, not because he would shrink from his duty

in the premises, but because the subject had been

elaborately treated in the report of the Board .--

He closed his report with the following resolu-

E. Resolved, That in view of the urgent demand

for Missionaries at Home, the magnitude of the

interest involved in the successful prosecution of

their work, and the blessings of God which has

so constantly attended their labors, we most earn-

estly entreat the churches of the South to co-

operate with the Domestic Mission Board by

their liberal contributions and ardent pray-

The committee an the Bible cause made a re-

port, through Dr. Jeter, their chairman, which

1st. The organization of a Board whose seat

be styled "The Bible Board of the Southern

2d. That the Bible Board shall consist of a

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contained the following recommendations :

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Baptist Convention,"

efforts. Report received and adopted.

Baptist family in the Southern States.

Rev. J. B. STITELER'S SAD AFFLICTION, -Death has visited the family of our beloved brother Stiteler. His little son, Jacob Beverly, is no more. He died, a few days since, near Montgomery, Texas, of Whooping Cough. Bro. Stiteler and family passed through Houston, three weeks since, to visit a sister of Mrs.

S.'s near Montgomery. All were then in as good health as usual, but how fleeting and uncertain are all earthly prospects ! Soon after, our brother's return to Galveston, he received a letter from Mrs. Stiteler with the mournful intelligence that their beloved son was a corpse. Brother Stiteler arrived here last night on the steamer Galveston, and left this morning for Montgomery.

We sympathize deeply with the bereaved parents. May they remember that not even "a sparrow can fall to the ground without" the Providence of our heavenly Father-"that the hairs of our heads are all numbered;" that the "Lord gave and the Lord hath taken" to his own bo. som their sweet babe.

BEAUTIFUL ENGRAVING .- We are specially indebted to the gentlemanly publishers of the Baptist Memorial for one of the handsomest steel engravings that we have seen any where. It represents the birth of Christ and his adoration by the Shepherds; and was prepared expressly for the Memorial, at an expense of one thousand dollars. It is of a large size, containing one hundred and ninety square inches, and, in a handsome frame, will make a most beautiful parlor ornament. This engraving the publisher offers as a premium to all the patrons of the Memorial who shall pay their subscription in advance for 1851, and of course a copy will be furnished to every new subscriber, who will pay Miss., and forward your account to the same. in advance. The memorial is an interesting. Viz : and valuable monthly periodical, 32 pages octavo, Edited by Rev. Enoch Hutchinson, and pub-

advance. See advertisements.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS .- A friend has placed us in receipt of the Constitution of the Alabama Central Sunday School Union, with an "address on the value of Sunday School instruction, by B. Manly, H. W. Collier, and C. F. Sturgis"names that well recommend it to the prayers and pious co-operation of the good. The Union was organized at Big Creek church, Tuscaloosa I county, April 11th, 1851.

FORT BEND COUNTY, TEXAS .- It is desirable that we should have a Baptist Preacher located in this county-there is not a Baptist Preacher or church in Fort Bend county, though it has been settled for more than twenty years. I have made two visits to this portion of coun-

try recently, and found several Baptists; and others exceedingly anxious to be baptized. Richnond is the county site of Fort Bend-it is los cated on the west side of Brazos River, 30 miles west of Houston.

I sincerely hope that some \* pious and energetic minister may be induced to remove to this point, and preach for two or three other imporant neighborhoods in the adjoining country.

### Caution.

Dear Bro. Chambliss ;- You will please give the following preamble and resolutions two insertions in your excellent paper, and send one No. to the church, (care of Clerk,) Liberty,

Whereas, Y. F. Griffing, a member of this church, holding a letter of dismission from this lished by Z. P. Hatch, New York, at \$1,00 in church in full fellowship, has been guilty of gross, immoral conduct, and whereas knowledge

of the same has come to the ears of the church well authenticated, and a letter from the Clerk of the Vernon Baptist church, La .- signed officially-is in the possession of this church, giv. ing testimony to the facts and also stating, (he, said Griffing,) had absconded from justice and gone he knew not where: Therefore, Resolved unanimously by this church. That

Y. F. Griffing be and he is hereby excommunicated from the fellowship of this church,

attentive house. It was an able discourse. took no notes, and cannot at this time give a correct analysis of it.

All the Southern States, except Louisiana and Florida, were represented in Convention. The precise number of delegates in attendance, I do not know, but presume there were about 125 or 130. R. H.

MONDAY MORNING, MAY 12. The Convention met at 9 o'clock, and opened with prayer by Rev. Mr. Taliaferro, of Alaba-

The Secretary read the minutes, and the Conention approved of them.

Mr. Baker asked leave for the Bible Commitee to sit during the morning session of the Convention-granted.

The President announced the first business in order to be the report of the committee on election and delegations. Mr. Lewis, Chairman of said committee, read

his report. During the reading, the question was by the

Secretary, whether the names of members of the Convention, not present, should be printed in the minutes, and the Secretary made a motion, which he supported, that only the names of those attending be printed.

Mr. Buck opposed the motion, and some talk ensued on both sides of the question, when the motion of the Secretary prevailed.

The report of the committee on delegations was adopted.

Dr. Maclay, of New York, was admitted as member of the Conuention, he having paid \$100.

The President called up the report of the committee on preachers at the next meeting of the Convention.

The Secretary read the report, and moved it be amended so as to read as follows :

Foreign Mission Sermon. Rev. Dr. R. B. C. Howell, principal. J. L. Renolds, of Kentucky, alternate.

Dawson, Ga., principal. Rev. Samuel Baker, Tenn., alternate.

port as above adopted.

of different committees, but many were absent.

mittee on Organs of Publication, presented his report, which contained the following resolutions at its close :

President, Vice presidents, a Recording and manner, as the Foreign and Domestic Mission negatived-ayes 33, nays 56. Board are appointed, -----of whom shall be a

quorum for the transaction of business. The Bible Board, when constituted, shall sustain to the Southern Baptist Convention the same relations and be subject to the same regulations, as the Boards for Foreign and Domestic Missions.

3d. That we earnestly request the Baptists, and the friends of the Bible in the South who are willing to contribute to its circulation thro' this channel, to rally to a united and generous support of the Bible Board of this convention,

4th. That a committee to prepare and publish

an Address to the Baptists of the South, in behalf of the plan, be appointed, and that period. icals friendly to the object be respectfully requested to give it circulation.

Rev. Mr. Buck moved that the report be accepted and adopted, the committee discharged, and arrangements entered into to carry out the recommendation therein contained.

Mr. Dawson moved that the Convention first fill up the blanks, which being agreed to;

Dr. Jeter moved Baltimore be inserted in the first bank left as the place for locating the proposed Bible Board, which motion he supported at some length.

Dr. C. K. Winston arose to speak in favor of Nashville, and Mr. Dawson, of Ga., proposed Nashville.

Dr. Winston made a somewhat lengthy and very eloquent speech, detailing reasons why the Board should be located at Nashville, and Dr. Dawson followed in support of the same place.

Rev. Mr. Carey Crane spoke in favor of Baltimore, and was followed by Messrs. Talbird, De Votie Henderson, and Gayle, when

Mr. Jeter made a motion to adjourn, which was lost, afterwards reconsidered, and prevailed. and the Convention adjourned, with prayer by Rev. Mr. King, Dr. Jeter having the floor.

### EVENING SESSION.

The Convention opened with prayer by Rev. Mr. High, and

Mr. High spoke in regard to the location o the Bible Board, in favor of Nashville.

The President read a "speech" of a few lines in favor of Nashville; from Rev. Dr. Fuller, of Baltimore.

Mr. Jeter spoke at some length in favor of Baltimore, and was followed by Rev, R. Jones of Va., in favor of Baltimore, and Rev. Mr. Campbell, of Covington, Kentucky, in favor of Nash-

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Dr. Jeter said he was in favor of discussion .-He had long known the men who composed that Board, and he knew their actions would bear scrutiny.

After some discussion, Mr. DeVotie called for the previous question, which was seconded and voted, and the main question on the adoption of the resolution came up, when the resolution was adopted-61 to 21.

Mr. Eager explained why he had voted against the resolution. He came to the Convention, principally, to get information on this subject, and he desired to hear it discussed. He wanted to know why the donation of \$1,000 from the Bible Union had been refused.

The President who was President of the Board, explained, that in order that brethrea might understand why that course had been pursued, that they had written and printed a circular, which had been copied in most of the newspapers, explanatory of the reasons, etc. If the brother would obtain a copy of that circular and read it to his church he would much oblige the President.

The resolution of Rev Mr. Dargan, to make the meetings of the Convention triennial, was called up, and

The Secretary said he would move that they make the meetings annual, but he did not desire to hear the question debated, and would withdraw the motion if any one intended to make a speech on the subject.

The President'said he certainly should make speech on the subject.

The Secretary withdrew his motion.

It was, however, subsequently renewed, and The President opposed it in a short speech, and was followed by

The Secretary, who spoke in favor of annual meetings, when

Rev. J. H' DeVotie moved a suspension of the rules of order, to allow the Alabama delegation to present their sister. Mrs. Crawford, who was about to depart to the China Mission, with a Bible, pending which Rev. Mr. Talbird spoke briefly in favor of an-

nual meetings of the Convention, and the vote was taken, which resulted in favor of continuing the biennial session.

The rule was then suspended, and after some appropriate remarks by the President, the Rible was presented to Mrs. Crawford. The ceremony was very interesting and affecting, and at its conclusion a collection for the benefit of the Chi\* na Mission was taken up, which emounted to about \$400.

At the close of this ceremony, the Convention' adjourned, to meet at 8 P. M. [To be Continued.]

Domestic Mission Sermon. Rev. J. E.

The amendment was received, and the re-

The President here called for several reports

Prof. Mell presented a report from the com-

Resolved, That the proposal of the Missionary ville.

# Soul-Prosperity .- No. X. BY C. D. MALLARY, D. D.

7. A settled spirit of obedience essential to Soul Prosperity.

"Even as thy soul prospereth." 3 John 2. In several of my previous numbers, I have had occasion to speak of obedience, and the principles that nourish it. Perhaps what we may call the spirit of obedience deserves a more distinct and prominent notice. A settled, solid, uniform spirit of obedience marks the prosperous christian; nay, it is an intregral and vital part of Soul prosperity. Gaius walked in the truth : this showed the prevailing bent of his spirit ; the troth dwelt in him in living power, giving a steady and permanent direction to his affections and his aims. "Lord what wilt thou have me to do ?" is the habitual inquiry of the man in spiritual health : "my hands will I lift up to thy commands," is his habitual resolve; "O that my ways were directed to keep thy statutes," is the fervent breathing of his soul ; "I made haste and delayed not to keep thy commandments," is his happy experience. 'The soul's improvement is the fruit of God's working: when the soul prospers, this divine working is energetic and powerful, and a part of its gracious fruit is hear. tily and fervently to will the good pleasure of heaven. Now the will makes a low and reverential obeisance to its rightful sovereign, it takes upon it cheerfully the yoke of the Redeemer, mourns that it does so little, seeks to do more, and struggles to manifest its cordial friendship by having respect to all God's commands. I was the meat of the glorious Redcemer to do the will of his Father; this showed the firm and settled subordination of his heart to the will of God. as well as the great delight he took in doing that blessed will. Thus it is with his prosperous disciples. A willing mind to-day, a watering mind to-morrow, a wayward mind the day following, marks a sickly state of the soul, Dou. ble-mindedness and fickle-mindedness, in things of duty, reveal a gnawing worm at the root of our spiritual strength-a blight upon the loveliness and glory of the inner man. We may put forth the green husks of many hopeful undertakings, as a stalk of corn in rainy days may send out many promising shoots, but the sap of settled principle, of stable affections, and a well trained will is wanting, and but little truit is brought forth to perfection. A professor of religion without this fixedness of soul, is like a slender building without pins and braces ; every wind shakes him, like a ship with a broken rudder ; every gust throws him out of his right direction. He has forever some little veratious account to adand duty; and ten to one, flesh and mammon will get the advantage in the settlement. In interpreting the will of God, it is easy for him now and then to subtract wrongfully a little from unwelcome duty, and add a little which he ought not to what he is pleased to call gospel privilein his carnal apprehension, and more easy to his faithful computation-often with what a grudg. ing heart is even this poor tribute paid to the Lord of glory! " This right eye, perhaps I may spare it; this right hand, it sometimes seems to

# Origin of the Bantists.

[The Baptist sect was not founded by our blessed Saviour Christ, but by John Buccold and John Matthias, A. D. 1534-that the "Bride of Christ," His Church, reared her stately, immutable walls fifteen hundred years before. Consequently, it is no part of the Church of Christ which he founded mere religious society of man's making, havng no valid ministry, and consequently having no sacraments, except in "form , without the power" -at best, a clumsy counterfeit on the real.]

### To Prof. T. F. Curlis.

DEAR SIR .-- You have my thanks for calling me to certain proofs, which I offered to make, in consequence of a strange enough attack made upon me by the "Editor of the Baptist" of this place. In the first place, I am happy to see one come forth who wears the reputation of a champion in his own ranks-filling the most learned station (in what is called "Theology") among them. Then I am pleased to deal with one, whose past acquaintance has made a future desirablewhose seniority and deportment justly elicited from me, while yet a College boy in the University of Alabama, the respect and esteem due a gentleman,-to say no more.

Perhaps I ought hardly to mention, in so public a manner, how often it has been more than a fond wish, that such a person could see the full resplendent blaze of Truth-could break in sunder the cords of error that have held captive many an earnest soul seeking the truth .--And as candid sincere reasoning has led some deep minds, while opposing the Church, to see beyond the little waves of objections they were urging, that she only was the ark in which Christ's faithful people could repose their weary souls, and have them refreshed with the "true manna that came down from heaven;" so may grace from on high, like the morning sun, dispel from your vision the mists, that must vanish before the light of research and holy anxiety.

I am sorry you lay yourself open to animad. version, by the use of an epithet ("Puseyism") at whose use the well informed churchman smiles. The meaning you seem to attach to it, asserting it to be a "modern infusion" in the church, is strictly the old teaching of the church in herevery standard, nor ever altered by authority-viz: that "no person shall be accounted or taken to be a lawful Bishop, Priest, or Deacon, except he hath had Episcopal Consecration or Ordination." (Preface to the Ordinal)-meaning plainly and emphatically, that lawful Ordination must be had at the hands of a Bishop, who has his authority from the Apostles. I am aware that such teaching is not relished by many even in the church, who have been warped by the "modern infusion" of Puritanism, or illjust between God and mammon, between flesh conceived notions of charity and liberality. But it have been a part of their's to send others; for so generally is such old fashioned stringent they were sent by Him "even as" He had been teaching acknowledged to be the true positive teaching of the church, that attempts are con- by them, being duly appointed as the very Apostemplated of altering the old severe (but primative and godly) standards. To destroy the high and awful dignity attached to the Priesthood, by tention to continue His work forever, "even unges, and thus make the ways of God more equal those old standards, would be to destroy this til the end of the world." This is what is callbranch of Christ's Holy Vine-utterly annihi- ed Apostolic succession-those who stand in this carnal wishes. And the small balance of duty late its power of dispensing grace,--and place line or chain of succession,-being appointed by that now stands charged against him in this un- it on a level with the numerous bodies of reli- the Apostles,-are the ones with whom our Lord gionists throughout the world at this timewhich heaven forbid.

I suppose I am equally with you, "averse to controversy." But it does not seem that an honest, kind, truth-hunting sort of discussion must needs be the unpleasant thing called "con-

ally that the Baptist denomination was not foun. I to read the words of ordination from the office ded by our blessed Saviour Christ, but by John Matthias and John Boccold, A. D. 1534. In other words we will show that the "Bride of Christ," His church, reared her stately immuta. ble walls 1500 years before. This point I prefer first to establish as both making the argument that is to follow shorter, and as being the natural order in which the several points stand. They are obviously no more than a tissue of sequences-and not "four distinct charges."

Sec. 1. For several thousand years had this world been buried in spiritual darkness, when the "sun of righteousness arose with healing in His wings." (Mal. iv: 2). He came to do more for a world of sinners than they deserve or could ask. Thirty-Sacraments would be limited to the mere offithree years did He dwell in earthly tabernacles cer's heart. -the last three being spent entirely in the work

of His heavenly mission. During this time, He wrought miracles of love and mercy for the afflicted of soul and body. After this ministry was finished, and himself offered a sacrifice on the cross to explate man's guilt, He arose in triumph

from the grave, and ascended to the realms whence He had come, to prepare a place for those who should be His. Now the most striking and natural thought that must occur to any reflective mind, in contemplating this work thus far put uuderway, is something like this : Was there no arrangement made or left for carrying on that work begun by Him, to bless and comfort men until the world's end? Himself in act and word shall answer :- "As my Father hath sent me, even so send I you," (Jno. 20: 21;) "Go ye therefore and teach all nations : teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have com- tles.

mauded you," (Matt. 28; 19, 20). This commission gave He to eleven men whom He had chosen and instructed for some time, who were designated "Apostles." Beyond all doubt were they to stand in "Christ's stead," "as ambassadors for Christ, to reconcile the world to Him, (2 Cor. 5: 20. But they were soon to lay aside their earthly for a heavenly home; and what visible provision was made to continue that great work in due order, securing eternal permanency to its discharge? The Lord's commission, a little further on, meets the exigency : "and lo I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." How can this be, seeing they have long ago died? Plainly were those eleven Apostles to send others in their stead, "even as" they had been sent in Christ's stead. The commission to them contained so much, as clearly as it could well have been spoken : "As the Father hath sent me even so send I you"-as it was part of His business to send them, even so must sent by God. And with such, as should be sent tles themselves, our Lord promised to be "until the end of the world." Thus was it Christ's in-

promised to be "unto the end of the world." In other words, those in this day duly ordained by

those also duly ordained before them, and they vet on further back until it reaches the very fount, (the Apostles and Lord,) stand in the Apostles' stead -with the same full authority to sent others even as they have been sent. If any one take upon himself (or any body of men now or with it, shoulder it, bear it along," but after all ly bent on truth, only trying to make it appear at any time in the past) to administer sacred functions, who has not had this due regular ordination in the unbroken line, his or their ausickly one, thy wound has been too slightly appear plausible by evasions, subterfuges, &c., thority is null and void. In St. Paul's language, (Heb. 5: 4,) "no man taketh this honor to him. self, but he that is called of God, as was Aaron." It is needless to state how strictly Priests were appointed under the old law-that it was done in solemn form by duly authorized persons-that Dathan Corah, and, Abiram were fearfully destroyed for usurping this Priesthood without the due appointment, (Numbers 16.) This same uncompromising notion about due authority to administer sacred functions exists the world over in every branch of the "One Apostolic church. All of these branches founded by some one of and universally so received by the early chris- the Apostles, whether in England, or Rome, or tians, my lips should never have been opened Greece, or Lybia, or Egypt, make up the "One some other species of proof sufficient to have con- veloped at Nicea, A. D. 325. In each one of vinced me of the divine origin of christianity (for these Branches, the authority comes from the Apostles to ordain, in this, and every past, or fu-, any thing like clinging to one denomination of Sce. 2. We have seen that an organization was made by our Lord himself for continuing the work of worship, I should have regarded as savoring of his ministry until the end of the world. Lest it of party spirit, unless those already built could should seem that we have done it but partially, not actually hold the people. I could not but by wresting holy language from its legitimate And now let me take a walk around the cham- have regarded it as sin for any one to argue su- import, we will draw a few other Scriptures in periority in his sect; and unpardonable sin, for further corroboration. This we must first do of one denomination not to hold communion with course, from the very doings of the Apostles .-another, Such must have been my course, had Accordingly, (Acts 1,) we find them appointing mind, this fixed temper of obedience, does it stay I embraced the religion of Christ any where a certain one (Matthias) to fill the place of Juup my spirit, and give beauty, and proportion else besides in the way of the church. But das. The particular form of this ordination does and stability to my external deportment ? Or do adored be God, He has not left things in this con- not incidentally appear. But a more explicit fused, imperfect, uncertain state. That this case is in hand when "seven deacons" were orsect, or that one, or some other one, or all of dained. The Apostles expressly tell the people, to them may be right. The longings and cravings "look out among them seven men, &c. ; whom of the immortal soul after truth were never left we\* may appoint over this work," (Acts 6; 3.) thus to be satisfied by only an increased hunger- They alone could ordain, as having the authority ing, or final despair to ascertain the truth, or from Christ to "send" others "even as" they utter disbelief that any such thing as the truth were sent. The people, observe, were only to exists. Definiteness and certainty mark the ac- "look ont" or "choose"-not to appoint or ordain. tions of God-vagueness and imperfection char- Accordingly the apostles prayed and "laid their acterize all of man's institutions. And the per- hands" on the seven persons-which act duly son honors Him most, whose belief and actions commissioned them to minister with authority most nearly demonstrate such perfection and in sacred things. This form of "laying on consistency in His works, however uncharita. hands" in ordaining has been the one used ever ble and wrong this course may be considered by since in the christian church. A written letter or a short sighted and ill-informed generation so command has never been permitted in any age of the church. A council once decided an ordination invalid that was performed by a blind Bishop, who "laid on hands," but had a Presbyter

(Coun. Svielle.) St. Paul used the same form in ordaining Timothy Bishop of Ephesus:-"stir up the gift of God, which is in thee by the laying on of my hands." (2 Tim. 1:6.) We would gather from this, that certain grace necessary to the office, to give validity to Sacraments and other official acts, was and is imparted by "laying on of hands" or ordination; and that as this grace is communicated peculiarly to discharge only the authoritative acts of the office, it is given to the good and bad Priest alike. Otherwise, baptism or Holy Eucharist administered by an unworthy hypocritical officer would not be valid-and thus God's mercy in dispensing the grace of the

Of course St. Paul was an Apostle, equal in authority with the Apostles-whenever and by whomever ordained-of which nothing certain is mentioned. Saint Timothy is not called by any official name; but it is clear beyond all doubt, that his office was the Apostolic one, commissioned to send others. He is directed by the aged Paul, his ordainer, to "lay hands suddenly on no man." (1 Tim. 5: 22.) Not to ordain upon too short and limited a knowledge of the persons; but to test them first, and sound them. Again-Saint Paul tells Titus, (i: 5,) "For this cause left I thee in Crete, (the isle of a 100 cities,) that thou shouldest ordain elders (or Presbyters, and we use Priest to denote the same degree) in every city." Here is another person vested with this power of sending others "even as" he was sent-the same as the original Apos-

Some other notable instances might be cited to our purpose from the inspired writings. But we have already drawn enough to show the means by which our adorable Lord intended to perpetuate His everlasting truths and works unto the world's end-viz. : by duly commissioned "ambassadors;" who were to be selected with the utmost care and caution, and then to be enscusted with the sacred deposit, in order that they might finish the work of Christ on earth. This organization of men is called in holy Writ "The Church," by which is to be made known the manifold wisdom of God, unto the ends of the world, even in all places. (Eph. 3: 10.)

It might be mentioned by the way, that what we now call Bishops in the church were at the first called Apostles. The Bishops alone have authority to "send" others "even as" they have been "sent." The name is nothing, when we see plainly the office designated. The word Bishop means in Greek, a ruler or overseer .-It has been used ever since Apostolic days, and somewhat then in cotemporary writing, to de note the officer who fills the Apostolic office,who stands in an Apostle's stead,-a successor to an Apostle. The next christians, after the Apostles, felt that the dignified name of Apostle ought to be confined to those who saw the Lord -- that themselves were unworthy of such name. Hence they applied the name Bishop to the same office-a name importing as much in authority. This is the exact account given by Theodoret, an early writer of the 4th and 5th age, as to the mere name.

Nor afterwards, in any age of the church, is this name confounded with the other two grades of the ministry, Priest and Deacon. It will be observed that in the christian church

**Business Department**.

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Rev F H Moss will please accept our thanks or a handsome list of new subscribers, with a promise of as many more soon. Regret to hear of his family affliction. Hope it may yield peaceable fruits of sighteousness.

Rev J C Foster has also added several new names to our list, for which our thanks are due him. We are glad to know that the brethren birth of Christ; engraved expressly for the propriein his region so much approve our paper. Hope to have many more subscribers among them,-Will our brother send us the balance of fitteen ?

Rev J Q Prescott has again favored us with ubstantial aid, enlarging our borders in Missis-ippi more and more. We shall order for him sippi more and more. the Comprehensive Commentary, as he will doubtless have made up the number to command that prize by the time it arrives.

Bro John Clabaugh's two letters are in hand, and bringing new names with the cash .-Thanks to him. His rule is to let us hear from him as often as he gets a V, on our account-a good rule.

Bro I N Joiner discovers an abiding interest in the enlargement of our borders in Texas .--Thank you, brother J., for a little more help .-Hope to have much more-always accompanied with the-

Rev R C Burleson's private letter bringing handsome addition to our constantly increasing patronage, is at hand, and directions followed. He has a full response.

Bro R A Walker will observe that his letter. with its contents is in hand. We have no show. ing for the former one, and think it was never received. Nevertheless, as it was sent at our risk, he has full credits.

Rev W S Meek's very pleasing letter is before us, and contents noted. We concur with him as it respects the merits of certain articles.-May the Lord revive his work in the church-

Rev W M Farrar has obliged us, by calling attention to a mistake in our receipt list. It was accidental and corrected with pleasure. We hold \$2.50 to his credit.

Bro M N W Smith's remittance is at hand. We should be happy to form his acquaintance, personally. See receipt in proper place, so far as relates to the S. W. B.

Rev HE Talliaferro's exceedingly interest. ng letter came to hand some days ago, and had e not forbidden, we should most certainly have published it, for the comfort of others. God be praised for the consolations of his grace. To thein that need wisdom, righteousness, sanctification, or redemption, it is given in Christ,

Rev W C Thomas will accept our gratitude or his continued aid. Hope he will get value received in the substantial matters cotained in our columns. Has brother T. changed his office? Rev W Manning will observe that his letter with its contents is at hand. Thank him. Hone to hear from our brother often.

Rev AT M Handey's pleasing letter with valuables is in receipt. We are satisfied of his deep interest in our cause ; and hope he may be as successful in working with us, as he is in every other department. Regret to hear of his family affliction.

Bro B Bramlett stands among our most punctual and uniform friends. He has taken our paper a number of years, and has always been n advance. May God bless all such men, and greatly increase their number.

Rev A McKenzie is informed that his highly interesting letter has been in receipt several days. We rejoice in the prosperity of his church, and wish him much greater blessing still. His views of the "New Paper" measure we concur in .-Hope to hear from him frequently. See receipt below.

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offend, and yet not perhaps so grossly as to ren-

Ofien did the Psalmist say, "my heart is fixed ;" an humble, fixed heart in things of duty is more indicative of spiritual health than the highest raptures. A superficial saint may do marvels when the sudden breeze of comfort is on him; but he that wills and works on in times of peril and desertion has a healthful soul; and such we sometimes find. God, to test the spirit of their obedience, may now and then withdraw his sensible consolations ; misfortunes may press upon them, and Satan hurl his fiery darts. Still with their eye fixed on the great Author and Finisher of their faith, they maintain an abiding steadily to his commands in all the perilous way; they are even ready to say to the flatterers that would seduce, and the frowns that would intimidate, "hinder me not-hinder me not." Here are hearts sound in the statutes of the Lord, and in this soundness there is spiritual prosperity. To such, weeping may sometimes endure for a night, but joy, calm refreshing joy, cometh in the morning.

bers of my soul, and see what is their true condition. Are the pins and braces and griders ali in their proper places? This steadiness of little things shake my will; and in trying times am I disposed to ask counsel of flesh and blood, of the clouds and the rain, of my convenience and my interest, rather than of the precious oracles of God ? When God is about to break silence do I promptly say, " Speak Lord for thy servant heareth ;" and when the message comes do I say, "I will consider the thing till to-mortow," or like Abraham, is my spirit up and girded for unflinching obedience ? O Lord, let not my soul be afraid to look out of its windows, lest it should see something to be done ; let not my cars be afraid to listen, lest they should encounter thy heavenly precepts. May my ears render a cheerful hearkening to thy voice ; and as the eyes of servants look unto the hand of the masters, and as the eves of a mainen unto the hand of her mistress, so may my eyes wait upon the Lord my God;" Then shall I know that it is well with my spul!

"O happy servant be," In such a posture found ! He shall his Lord with rapture see, And be with honor crowned."

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der its destruction indispensible ; this cross, it seems to stand in my pathway and sometimes I troversy." I do not see how any result but a hear, or seem to hear the Saviour say, \* grapple | good one could be produced, where each is wholmay I not go round it, and peradventure get as it is,-not seeking mere victory, or how to salely to heaven." Thus he wraps it up. Oh still parry a death blow, and make his own side which an honest man shrinks from; as he must

render an account of the same hereafter. I shall not reason with you otherwise than in "meekness and love," although I dare not use the "address" (suggested by you,) to one, "who

causes (or lives in) divisions contrary to the doctrines I have learned" from Apostolic days, lest it be "bidding him God speed." Did I not know that the high and frightful

fruths which I have been proclaiming in this place for three years, came from God,-are taught impliedly or directly in His holy word,reverence for God's authority, their hearts cleave on this subject. And if then, there had been Apostolic church," spoken of in the Creed deboth of these truths - christianity and the churchstand on the same testimony,)I would have scorned ture age. christians above another. Building separate places

far removed from the Apostles' day.

Chap. 1. I would now attempt to show somewhat the wisdom of God, and lead men to adore Him for His perfect work, by proving what it was our Saviour Christ founded called his church, and when; so that it may then be seen more natur-that ordination was not confined to Bishops or Apostles.

the three grades or degrees of the ministry,-Bishop, Priest and Deacon, -- are a develope ment of the olden hierarchy in the Jewish church. High Priest, Priest and Levite. As is every thing almost in the New Dispensation, the full grown man from the little child of the old dispensation, baving the same flesh, and blood, and bones, and muscles; but yet so grown and developed as to be almost another person entirely\*

All that we have said in proof thus far from nspired writings is the matured result of a calm, sober, unbiassed, holy study and meditation .-It is as familiar to us as the first lessons of boyhood in spelling. Nor is there one difficulty connected with the entire matter, as to the im-NAMES. port of different words used, and objections raised: which we suppose has not come before our mind in one shape or other; and been calmly and consistently disposed of in adjusting the proportionable and happy balance of apparently RY Wood; contending principles. The only difficulty we Mrs Frances E Chivers, find is condensation-to be able to give in a succinct manner the clear expressive meaning most peacefully and irrestibly enjoyed in our own mind. In conversation, every difficulty of this kind could be met, and satisfactorily disposed of. I speak thus assuredly, and I trust humbly, because I never met with an honest mind harder to be satisfied than my own. And there is not one point above referred to, on which I Richard Blackwood, cannot more than satisfy every objection of my Jno A Norwood, own resisting unsatisfied mind. Respectfully and kindly, W. A. STICKNEY, Presbyter.

\*If any one here thinks this thing we are teaching ought to be more fully taught in Scripture, we refer m to section 4, of this 1st. chapter, to appear in the next number of this paper. Mortuary.

DIED-At the residence of her hushand, H. M. Caffey, in Macon county, on the 1st day of W Miller, April, 1851, Mrs. MARY A. CAFFEY, in the 27th J Ottery, year of her age. Sister Caffey has left a doting and affection-Mrs Martha K Snell, A Davis, ate husband and six little children, besides nu-Mrs J M Burleson, merous friends and relations to mourn her loss; N Kavanaugh, but we sorrow not for her as those having no. W R Mangum, hope. She, for whom we moure, left the most Eld D Lewis, cheering evidence, that although launching forth J R Wade, on the boundless ocean of eternity, she beheld Mrs Susan H Cooper, by faith the brightness of the star of hope, safely Dr G A Thompkins, guiding her over the stormy billows into the ha- Joel Latimer, ven of rest, prepared for the finally faithful. Ira E Ward, Her exit was serene as the unclouded sun, sink-Levi Freeman. ing behind the western hills. May the Lord A G Simpson, guide all who mourn her loss to the same heav-Rev W S Meek, enly inheritance. Sam'l Caffee, " Rest then our loved one, for bless'd is thy slum E Trammill, Shadrach Trammill ber, No sin of this earth can disturb thy repose N' McPherson, But angels shall waft thee, where souls without Capt J P Campbell number, Mrs R H Vaughan, Are resting with God from earth's heavy wous. N Drake, By order of the Baptist church of Christ at Robert Greer. Elim, Montgomery county, Ala., in regular Con-Jno D Carr, ference, this the 26th day of April, 1851. James G Henderson. MOSES MCLEMORE, Ch. Clk. M N W Smith, WM. S. LLOYD; Moderator.

Bro J W Davenport has our thanks for remit-tance. He will see by our receipt that he and Mrs. B. have paid to Vol. 3 No.41 & 44,

Bro Wm Baxter both amuses and edifies us. by his letters. We shall follow his suggestion with respect to publishing extracts, and thank him in the bargain. Shall always be glad to hear from him.

Rev. H P Griffin and Bro J W Suttle's remittance is in receipt. Thanks to them.

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### For the South Western Baplist. To Friend "J. Q. A."

What power can prop a sinking soul, Oppressed with woes and sick of grief, Bid the warm tear forbear to roll, Despair's heart-rending sign control, And whisper sweet relief.

Friendship! sweet balm for sorrow's smart! In thee the soothing power is found, To heal the lacerated heart, Extract aff-intion's venom'd dart, And close the rankling wound.

When pierc'd by grief's chill tempest through The tendril bends beneath its pow'r, Thou canst the broken plant renew; Thy sacred tear, like heavenly dew, Revives the drooping flow r.

If fortune frown-if health depart, Or death divide the tenderest tie, Friendship can raise the sinking heart, A glow of real joy impart, And wipe the tearful eye.

If foes without attack our name, Or foes within assault our peace, Then triendship's pure celestial flame, Can sooth the wind-defend our fame, And bid assailants cease.

If hopeless love our bliss destroy, And fill the breast with black despair, All peace such suff rers can enjoy, ilt by Friendship's kind employ, Which lessens every care.

Come then sweet pow'r, of source divine, Forever glow within my breast; My earliest friend, b. ever mine, One link our hearts in union join, To make each other blest.

"II. IN TROUBLE." University of Virginia, 1813

# Miscellancous.

Laws of Life and Happiness.

Extracts from a Discourse to Young Men, by Rev. Dr. Lord, President of Datmouth College,

The general laws of related bodily and mental life and health, are as certain and immutable as gravity. God has made nothing in vain-nothing without its decorrespond to the nature of every particular case, but are equally certain in all cases. If you fall from a sufficient height uess, you are dashed to pieces. If you are intemperate, you are consumed. If you

remedy. It is then too late to be saved. God, is the order of the day and the night.— the name of Doddridge, but has given to plant around it the emblems of undying series, shall receive a copy of the Baptist Library.-God speaks then in thund robots, and his writings a vitality shared by very few of his religious or literary cotemporaries. her affections round thy lonely tenement methods a volume in existence, being a reprint of more than 30 differwe come ! Christ, or death-not the death of the body, for there is no discharge to the saint or the sinner, in that war ; but an interior death, a living death, the se cond death, an everlasting agony of dying. Christ or death ; not a Christ of forms or shadows of the ambitious reason. but I am not afraid to go; I believed, from termined will; none of these selfish. men created Christs, the false gods of our spiritual idolatry, which the world is now setting up in all its high places and groves and under every green tree ; but the real Christ of the B bl , the man, the God, the God man, who obeyed the law, Jefferson, at 83, came down to their last in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of augels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory." Surely, in whomsoever the true Christ dwelleth, he is a man, a new man, a true man, a man of God, and fit to be called a man, if he maintains his birthright, and bends not his knee nor his soul to the B tals and Ashtaroths of this world. He is right at the centre, the heart, and to this centre gravitate all the powers, by the sanctifying Spirit, finding their place, and their relations, and their temper, and their lines of motion, till such time as the whole luminous body shall be perfected, and prepared to wheel into its everlasting obit in a higher sphere. O. what a glorious galaxy is there, the blood bought Church of God, not nebulæ, but but stars and suns to reflect the glory of God in Christ throughout the moral system, for whose sake these heavens and this earth was formed, and for whose sake they shall pass away, and all things shall be made new !

venders of each are equally guilty, and ed to breathe. equally corrupters of the community; and the safe-guard against each is the same -total abstinence from all that intoxicates mind or body.

### Doddridge the Commentator.

Much of the strength of Doddridge was in personal holiness. During the twenty years of his Northampton ministry, it was 10th, 1850. his endeavor "to walk with God." And it is a spectacle at once humbling and animating to mark its progress, and to see how that divinely planted principle, which once struggled feebly with frivolity and self indulgence, and the love of praise had grown into "a mighty tree." Nor were his immediate hearers unaware of his personal piety and his heavenly mindedness. They knew how unselfish and disinterested he was; how the husband of an heiress to whom he had been guardian, made him a handsome present in consideration of the losses sustained by an over scrupulous administration of her property; and how all the influence which he possessed with noble and pow- the plain. As they approach each other, erful personages were exerted only on their motions become accelerated. See industry, and how the hardest worker and Woot are locked in each other's embrathe earliest riser in their to wn was the ces. The stern warriors, who have been great doctor, whom so many strangers enveloped in the smoke of battle, and zeal for God, and how dear to him was day have worn the rigidity of marbleevery project which promised to spread now meet, and together mingle tears of his glory in the earth; and how damps joy and generous grief. What a scene ning every incident by which he saw for a painter! On that ensauguined plain, God's name dishonored. And in listen- there he 700 American and more than ing to him all felt that he was a man of 2000 Mexican troops, dead and wounded! God. And his readers feel the same .- Far in the back ground are seen the frag-They are constantly encountering ments of an army, that when that more thoughts which they know instinctively nings's sun arose, numbered twenty-thoucould only have been fetched up from the sand. The officers are attempting to depths of personal sanctity. The very organize this wreck, preparatory to a retexts which he quotes are evidently steep- treat. Yonder is a poor soldier, bending ed in his own experience; and unlike the over a tallen comrade to receive from his second hand truisms-the dried rose dying lips some communication to bear to leaves-with which so many are content. his distant home. The words are spoken sign, its uses, its limits, its mode, its times his thoughts have a dew still on them, like -- the last tokens of recognition are past and quantities. The penalties of sinning flowers fresh gathered in fields of holy -- the one turns to join his retreating

Yet we would not tell our whole belief

-one the intellect, the other the health, have endeavored to do my duty. I am veteran. And in what terms shall we and together, the soul. The makers and sorry to leave my friends." And he ceas- speak of that General who steadied the

### The Battle at Buena Vista.

The following brilliant extract is taken from the eloquent discourse of Rev. Samuel Henderson, Pastor of the Baptist a mighty spirit, rising highest amid the church at Tuskegee, Ala., on the Life and greatest perils ! Here his character as, Character of Major Gen. Z. Taylor, Sept.

The very name, Buena Vista, has already become classical, and awakens emotions which the most eloquent tongue could never call forth. Let us visit, in idea, that scene at the evening twilight, The rattle of twenty thousand muskets. and the thunder of sixty cannons, which have been dealing death for ten long hours, are dying away in the far receding echoes of that vast wilderness. And as the smoke of that conflict rises, let us approach and view the scene it reveals .---That will rehearse in much more impress sive terms than language can, what that conflict was. Two nodding plumes are seen moving to a common centre across behalf of others. They knew his pious they have met--Generals TAYLOR and came to see and hear. They knew his whose countenances during the live-long meditation. Even beyond his pathos corps--the other--falls upon his goary there is something subduing in his good- bed, where he must sleep till the resurrection morn!

But turn we now to other scenes that unless we add the power of prayer. Some come nearer home. The American Genare licentious, you turn to putrifaction .- may remember the prayer at the com- eral has ordered a call of the roll, and to Destruction comes, though it be delay- meacement of the Rise and Progress -- every tourth or fifth name, there comes no ed, and in general is the more terrible, "Impute it not, O God, as a culpable am- response! Perhaps among the vast multiin so far as the catastrophe is deferred.- bitton, if I desire that this work may be tude that he silent and motionless in death Do we add to these sinnings against nas completed and propagated far abroad; apon that field of blood, there is not one ture, that of disbelieving those whom that it may reach to them that are yet un- whose history and melancholy end would God has appointed to warn us of evil ? born, and teach them thy name and thy not bring tears from the stoutest heart. That vice of the mind reacts more set praise, when the author has long dwelt Let us indulge our fancy in one case : verely upon the bad physical propensity. in the dust. But if this petition be too There lies one upon whom the mists of and together they soon accomplish the great to be granted to one who pretends death are gathering fast. The shrill destruction both of soul and body. What no claim but thy sovereign grace, give notes of war triumph are all unheeded. wrecks of this sort are strewed all along him to be in thy Almighty hand the bless. Not even the shouts of victory can arouse the shore of life ! What wrecks have I not ed instrument of converting and saving hum. He is thinking of home--perhaps seen, within these twenty two years, of one soul; and if it be one and that the of an aged father and mother-of brothyoung men at college ! But if you would weakest and meanest, it shall be most ers and sisters who gathered around him see the Golgotha.go to the cities. You may thankfully accepted as a rich recompense the morning he bade them farewell, and decorate the place of skulls, but you have not cheated the destroyer of his prey.— for all the thought and labor that this efs fort may cost." And his secret supplica-beaven. And do I err? Methinks there Beneath the proud marble, the curse fes- tions were in unison with this printed are the visions of a brighter form, floatters till the resurrection ; and then begin prayer. Besides other seasons of devos ing "in robes of airy light" before his he gnawings of the deathless worm. In general, it is a great mercy to be use spent in that "solitary place," his ves-the has poured the eloquent tale of love. obliged to suffer at the time we sin; for try; and deducting the time spent in res Soldier! 'tis thy betrothed! But alas! suffering is then more likely to be moni- viewing the past month, and in laying thou shalt never gaze upon that lovely kansas, there is no reason why its circulation may not tory, and preventive of greater evil, But plans for the new one, these seasons were form again! Sweetly may sound thy be extended indefinitely. And as an encouragement to when it is delayed, there is probably no spent in prayer and communion with lady's lute-sweeter still may the tones all our brethren to engage in this good work, we propose the following magnificent premiums : They whom God permits to escape a long while are, in general, judicially hardens ed, and their desirgence to cometh like an that the success of his ministry, and the ed, and their destruction cometh like an that the success of his ministry, and the which perchance the mutual vow was arened man. If transgressors knew, or singular good accomplished by his wris exchanged-that lute, that melting voice, ology, -and has received the unqualified approval of would consider, that they really inflict up- ting, are an answer to these prayers - shall wake thee to ecstacy-those trason themselves the greatest injury, when The piety of Doddridge, was as devout as grant flowers shall delight thee, no more! they practice the most ingenius artifices it was benevolent; and to power with no more !! But soldier, those bright eyes to e-cape detection of the natural conse- God he owed no small measure of his shall bitterly weep for thee-that pure quences of negligence and abuse of pow power with men. Though genius is lon- heart shall long cherish thy memoryers, methinks they would be scared back gevity, and goodness is immortality, it is that voice shall oft pronounce thy name into more reasonable pursuits. S-pars Providence alone which can prevent a with a melancholy interest. Gladly would ate penalty from crime, or mitigate it, man from perishing from off the earth. affection seek out thy humble grave in Howellon Communico, and Jenkyn or Symington on and by and by crime leads the fashion ; it Fiat Providence has not only preserved this distant land, bedew it with tears, and

ranks and kindled the eyes of that army of young soldiers, to deeds of valor that stamps the occasion as the great battle of the age? It invests him, to say noth ing more, in one of the most impressive views of human greatness, as possessing sumes its true colossal proportions, in which it will descend to posterity.

### Treatment of Children.

Some people do not govern and many age their children well because they have not the ability; some because they do not know how; and others because they are not willing to use the requisite thought. fulness, and submit to the necessary selfdenial, or such self-control as is necessary. For some of these difficulties there is no outward and applicable remedy; others may be aided by a few simple reflections.

Do not lay useless commands upon hildren and allow them to be violated. It a command is fit to be made it ought to be obeyed, and if it is not proper to be 44 miles on the road leading from Tu caloosa to Hunts obeyed it ought not to be made. Many parents deem it incumbent on them, in order to vindicate their authority over their children, to give a great many useless or absurd commands, without reflecting on their absurdity till they are carried out: when they must stand before children committed to a false position to which they must adhere for the sake of Tuition-Elementary department, per sesion, authority or consistency, or recede from it for the sake of common sense with the loss of their respect, or must suffer a six Board, washing, fuel, servant hire, beds, roomlent disobedience for the same reason with the loss of their authority, Do not threaten punishments unsuited

to the case, or which from the nature of the case cannot be inflicted. Children soon learn what the real import of such threatening is; and thus acquire con- permanency of the school will justify. tempt for the authority of their parents, and learn the habit of falsehood at the same time.

Do not attach a threat or penalty to every command. Children ought to obey their parents and teachers, because they command them. A habit of obedience merely to avoid punishment is one of the worst that can possibly be acquired. A child should learn to do what is right, because it is right. This will be a correct rule for him now and always.

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nor medicine :" they are 'poison.' Both he ceased to breathe. intoxicate--one the mind, the other the

# Last Words of the Presidents.

he lay upon his death bed. "I find I am dying," said he ; "my breath cannot last my first attack, I should not survive it; my breath canot last long." And so he ceased to breathe.

More than a quarter of a century elaps d before a similar scene was witnessed. Then, on the same day, the jubilee of the nation. Adams, at 90 years of age, and hour. "I resign myself tomy God," said Jefferson, "and my child to my country." Ita was the crowning glory of Gen. Tay Soon after Adams exclaimed, "Idepen- Lor. It any thing could exceed it, it was dence forever !" and all was over. They, the modest terms in which he spoke of it too, had ceased to breathe.

Monroe ceased to breathe,

Madison ceased to breather.

out; I ask nothing more." And he ceas. of the Mexican war. It virtually coned to breathe.

lasting happiness." And he ceased to Capitol, Taylor conquerea and Scott capbreathe.

In less than three years after this, at

and pay to thy memory the tribute of a sigh. This is but one out of hundreds that When Wasnington was 67 years old, might be described, around each of which there gathers a thrilling interest. Do

not wonder, that the tears of the noble Generals of such soldiers bedew the sod which is so soon to enwrap their clay !

" How sleep the brave who sink to rest, By all their country's wishes blest ! By fairy hands their knell is wrung; By forms unseen their dirge is sung; There Honor comes, a pagrin gray, To bless the turi that wraps their clay; And Freedom shall awhile repair To dwell a weeping hermit there !"

But to return-the battle of Buena Visin his letters and despatches. "I hope'

Five years after this, at 71 years of age says he in a letter to a friend. "that the greater portion of the good people of the Five years after this, at 85 years of age country will be satisfied with what we have done on this occasion." In a few Nearly five years atter this, at 68 years months "the good people of the country" of age, Harrison remarked-"Sir, I wish testined the extent of their satisfaction, in you to understand the true principles of terms honorable alike to him and to themthe Government; I wish them carried selves. It was emphatically THE BATTLE

Four years after this, at 78 years of a moral impression from which it never of Dentistry. Four years after this, at 75 years of age, Jackson observed, in substance: "My recovered until the shouts of victory from his printed Circular, or to any one of the large numsufferings, though great, are nothing in our invincible troops rung through the ber of persons in this community for whom he has comparison with those of my dying Sa. Halls of the Montezumas, and the stars already performed Dental operations. vior through whose death I look for ever. and stripes floated in triumph over the tured.

87 years of age, the second Adams de- fought by an army of volunteers; and it Goodhue, Dr, C, Billingslea, Dr. F. E. Gordon, A. clared : "This is the last of earth ; I am is proper to add, before we dismiss it, content." And he ceased to breathe. that it was a defensive engagement. In an In a little more than one year alter this, impetuous charge, the volunteer has of-BAD Books - Bad books are like ardent at 53 years of age. Polk bowed his head in ten proved himself at least equal if not spirits; they furnish neither "aliment" baptism, confessing his Saviour. And superior to the regular soldier. And here in that stern bravery necessary to defend The lamented Taylor, at 65 years of a chosen position against a superior force body; the thirst for each increases by be age, submitted to the solemn decree. "I to the very last extremity, we see that he ing fed, and is never satisfied; both ruin am ready for the summons," said he ; "I may also claim a like equality with the

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