



The S. W. Baptist.

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Brother SAMSON LANIER is authorized to act as agent for the South Western Baptist.

Peace, Peace.

What mischief is perpetrated under the guise of this consecrated word. It is made the pass-word of partisans, the resort of tricksters, the hobby of demagogues, as well as the desire of sincere Christians.

Not to respond to every call for peace, not to embrace any conditions that may be suggested or any terms proposed for its procurement is treason against the "Prince of Peace." It is the Shibboleth which discriminates between the pious and impious.

For the last few weeks the changes have been rung in our ears, and public personal appeals have been made to us upon the subject, until between the cant of newspapers, the senseless positions of ultraists, the fears of timid men, and the compromises of pacificators, we are at a loss to say whether we are for peace or war.

We give the above as samples, in the Tena Baptist, of the 17th March, the new theory is much expanded, and is announced as an addenda to the next edition of the famous Iron Wheel, soon to be published.

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We can only say for ourself "we are cast in no such mould." We have no hesitancy in saying that if the principles of church polity propagated by Graves, Pendleton, Dr. Crawford, and others, should ever prevail in our churches, discord and confusion will reign from one extremity to the other of our Zion.

THE NEW THEORY. 1. It is the prerogative of a church member to say whether or not he will be tried by his church for alleged offences.

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The time has fully come for true Baptists to speak out, to speak plainly; and therefore we reply to all who endeavor of us and appeal to us, that we are opposed to all compromises, all adjustments, all plans fixed up to meet an occasion, if they do not vindicate the old polity of the denomination and the principles and practices of Christ and his apostles.

Slavery as it is. The Montgomery Advertiser publishes a series of interesting letters on the subject of slavery, from the correspondent of the New York Herald.

These letters are well written and accurate, no doubt, in their general statement; indeed just such scenes and cases as he describes are abundant at the South; but still these letters, however true in themselves, do not give a full and fair representation of the institution as a whole.

Editorial Correspondence. AUBURN, ALA., March 22d, 1860. BRO. DAWSON: My last was from La Fayette, on Saturday the 17th.

When I left on yesterday, Judge DOUGHERTY had despatched a good deal of business in Court, and was progressing rapidly with the docket.

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What a Missionary Says. The adage, "Facts are stubborn things," is as true as it is old. The following from Rev. R. W. PRIEST, returned missionary from Africa, speaks for itself.

Rev. J. R. S. BELLARD, living near Mobile, writes under date of March 8th as follows: "I have an interesting meeting in the village, Dog River Factory, and many are saying, 'pray for me.'"

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The Family Circle.

Don't Give Up. I can't do it, father. Indeed, I can't. Never say can't, my son; it isn't a good word.

But I can't, father. And if I can't, I can't. I've tried, and tried, and the answer won't come out right.

Suppose you try again, Edward, said the father to the discouraged boy. There's no use in it, replied the lad.

What if you go to school to-morrow without the correct answer to the sum? Will not my little readers remember them and read every day, with great attention, the book of God.

And so it did. One more earnest trial, and his work was done. Far happier was he after the successful effort, than he could have been if, yielding to a feeling of discouragement, he had left his task unaccomplished.

And so it will find it. Difficulties are permitted stand in our way that we may overcome them; and only in overcoming them can we expect success and happiness.

What She Did. This woman was full of good works and alms-deeds which she did. Acts 9: 36

It is here that the character of Dorcas (the woman spoken of in the above passage) appears to the best advantage as a Christian.

It is proper to make this distinction between gifts for the Lord and deeds, and to consider the self-denial there is in each.

Not merely because father or mother wish you to read it, but for a better reason, because God speaks to you in the Bible.

These few hints are enough for once. Will not my little readers remember them and read every day, with great attention, the book of God.

Why He did not Go. When John Quincy Adams was Minister to the Court of Holland, he joined a society of learned men who met once a week for mutual improvement.

On one occasion, however, the meeting was adjourned to Sabbath evening. Mr. Adams was not there.

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Remissions of Washington. A correspondent of the New York Evening Post writes to that paper as follows:

I send you for publication the following extract of a letter written by a young Englishman in America to a friend in London, which contains some new facts in reference to Washington.

DEAR BOB:—In my last letter, I promised to give you an impartial account of the personal appearance of the American generalissimo, and as far as possible point out some of the most prominent traits in his character.

Well, to begin with his color. He is not a negro, neither is he an Indian, as most of your fine ladies and gentlemen in England have been taught to believe all Americans are; but he is in form, feature and action as fine a specimen of a white man as you will see in a year's travel, throughout the kingdom.

He is of more than ordinary height, muscular and robust, is erect as a stag, and manages his head quite as gracefully. His eyes are of a mild blue, and serve to heighten a naturally gentle expression of countenance.

His nose is large, as well as his mouth, but not out of proportion with the other features of his face. In connection with this let me tell you the rather curious fact that his nose is not always of the same length.

Of his military abilities you have heard, and will again, if the crazy politicians of Britain are not caged, as they should have been before they sent out the Cerberus and the terrible three.

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