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Notice the Red Cross (X) Mark. Those whose terms of subscription expire...

Sanctified Affliction. Why should we be stricken any more?...

Dear Brethren, enclosed please find two dollars for which you will please send the South Western Baptist to the address of Miss L. M. Stapp...

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When the strokes of his hand for his sins were to make him love God the better. O God, that thy judgments are right, and thou to faithfulness hast afflicted me.

War News. Monday, the Legislature of Alabama met in extra session. Business of vast importance is to be acted upon by that body...

Day of Fasting and Prayer.

Next Friday (the 21st inst.) has been set apart by the President of the Confederate States as a day of Fasting and Prayer to Almighty God that He may conduct us safely through this perilous crisis.

Additional Missionaries to the Army.

We learn that brethren Mays, of Talladega, and Spalding, of Selma, have each accepted appointments from the Domestic Board to labor a few months as missionaries to the army of Virginia...

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A WOUNDED SOLDIER.

"A person," says the Paris Sport, "who looks at the world in somewhat gloomy colors, recently complained, in M. Auber's presence, how hard it was that people must grow old."

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MORRISVILLE, Ala., Aug. 7, 1863. MESSRS EDITORS: It was my lot to share in the unfortunate events that have befallen us at Vicksburg and vicinity.

In the first place, I cannot believe as many of our friends at home, that our commanding General is wanting in good faith to our cause; we have not positive facts, developed by the proper authority, to justify such severity; it is enough to say, "he is incompetent," that is all the most discreet part of the soldiers are disposed to do, and certainly they are better prepared to judge than the citizens.

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ses the policy of the administration throughout, in regard to the negro, and are bitterly determined to conquer us. But it is, evidently, a desperate restlessness, which is liable to be dispelled by any considerable victory of our arms.

Now Vicksburg is fallen, some persons have said: We have not lost much. This does not appear right. A great calamity has befallen us, and all should regard it as such.

It is painful to find a shameful disposition among a large number of our citizens to quail and to yield to a dishonorable peace, one that must fix an ineffaceable stain upon our glorious history.

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In addition to this, we have just closed a very fine interest at Society Hill. Sixteen have been baptized, three received by letter, one restored, and seven awaiting baptism.

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It is really nothing more than a natural wish that a useless strife should cease; an earnest desire that a struggle should be ended which can end but in one way. When the peace which is longed for is embodied in words, it invariably includes the ideas of entire independence and complete nationality—independence from all the bonds, whether political, commercial or social, which have hitherto hindered our development.

From the Mobile Advertiser & Register.

The Dark Days of the Revolution.

It was near the close of the year 1776. The battle of Long Island had been fought and lost. New York was evacuated by the Americans and taken possession of by the British.

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Encouragement for the Timid from the Lesson of History.

The history of all civilized nations of past ages answer this question decidedly in the negative. Greece, a small republic, consisting of not more than a half-dozen States, whose population did not exceed three millions, was invaded for the purpose of subjugation by the Persian monarch Xerxes, with an army more numerous than the entire population of the country they invaded; but her soldiers were disciplined and brave, and the result was that Persia "failed to subjugate her," and her invaders returned home with not more than the fiftieth part of the army that entered Greece.

England, with a population four times more numerous than that of Scotland, by taking advantage of the domestic disorders of the country, for more than two centuries, at various times attempted her subjugation, and in the reign of Edward the 2d did succeed, with a powerful army in overrunning the entire country, taking every fortress, their capital and every seaport town, and yet notwithstanding, her chiefs who fled to her mountains, in a few years assembled a powerful army of determined men and at the field of Bannockburn, so completely vanquished and dispersed the British army, that it was the last attempt that England ever made at subjugation.

But a case more analogous to that of the Southern states and the Northern Government presents itself in that of Spain and Portugal. Portugal was a department of Spain, separated from the other departments by a chain of mountains, and containing a population less than one-fourth of the entire kingdom.

Scotland in her efforts was without a navy—so was Portugal and the ports of each, all the while under the strictest blockade, and neither of them possessed of half the internal resources for the supply of food or arms as are the Confederate States, and each of them had to contend with a greater numerical difference in the field.

Deacons and the Poor.

We read in the 6th chapter of Acts, that seven men of good report were chosen by the church at Jerusalem and set apart as deacons to minister unto the necessities of the poorer members of the church.

It cannot be that the poor of the household of faith are many of them in needy circumstances; it cannot be that the duty of the richer to minister unto their necessities. Indeed the apostle ever states this as one of the prime duties of church members; one for which they are most to be commended; and by which the vitality of their religion may be appropriately judged.

The Sabbath-Breaker's Programme.

"What is the programme?" asked a gaily dressed young man of a merry companion...

army, both of whom one day passed through her yard in a line of skirmishers in Bragg's army...

Praying in the Family.

What a fearful responsibility is his, who neglects family prayer—letting his altar lie in the dust...

But the benefits of family religion will greatly depend upon the manifest sincerity of the head of the family...

But let it be conducted in a sweet, simple, plain, tender, heavenly manner, and it may be used as an engine of vast power in a family.

It diffuses a sweet, a holy sympathy, through the members. It will call off the mind from the deadening effects and cares of the world...

"ONLY ME."—A lady had two children—both girls. The elder one a fair child, the younger a beauty...

"Is that you, Sweet?" she inquired. "No, mamma," was the sad and touching reply. "It isn't Sweet, it's only me."

What Kind of Religion Have You?

We never see a band of young converts, as if they were a strong inclination to go to them and ask, "What kind of religion have you obtained?"

Have you got a religion that will enable you to remember the prayer meeting, and not forget the Sabbath school? A depth of piety which will make you at all times, and in all places, afraid to speak your own words...

Can you not laugh at the profane jest, and feel no upbraiding of conscience when you attend the theatre and circus?

One of these days we think the church will be tried as in a "refiner's fire." That time may not be far off.

Where will this religion which you have recently got place you then? Among the dross or the fire gold?

In the midst of the wide spread degeneracy, it is cheering to find a man whose "price is above rubies," and who knows well estimate to "place on the things of this world."

I know a certain gentleman—who, when engaged to enter the field of speculation, said, "I should feel totally disgraced, were I to make a fortune during the war."

"But continued his friend, if you will speculate, and make a large amount of money, you will then be able to assist the families of poor soldiers."

I am engaged in a legitimate business," replied the other, "and the profits accruing from this, I share with the families of my poor neighbors who are in the army."

"Moreover if I were to enter the abode of Mammon—if the congestive fever of cupidity should once take hold of my soul—it is hardly supposable that I would do more for the poor than I now do."

It is needless to say that his friend could not appreciate his position; but turning from him, he launched again into the deceitful ocean of speculation.

So it is; most men at home are "greedy of filthy lucre," while here and there you will find one who is proof against all such temptations.

There is nothing more essential to success—nothing that more nearly approaches omnipotence, than will—a determined will. With it, the young man can burst the shackles of poverty from his hands...

Superior to poverty and ignorance, he marches directly to the commissary stores of knowledge. No discouragement is sufficient to check his progress.

To The Soldiers of the Confederate States.

After more than two years of a warfare severely equalled in the number, magnitude, and fearful carnage of its battles...

You know too well, my countrymen, what they mean by success. Their malignant rage aims at nothing less than extermination of yourselves, your wives, and children.

By repair to the post of duty, should stand by their comrades now in front of the foe, and thus strengthen the army of the Confederacy...

These and other causes (although far less disgraced than the desire to avoid danger, are nevertheless, grievous faults, and place the cause of our beloved country, and of everything we hold dear, in imminent peril.

I call on you, then my countrymen, to hasten to your camps, in obedience to the dictates of honor and duty, and summon those who have absented themselves without leave...

Finally, I conjure my countrywomen—the wives, mothers, sisters and daughters of the Confederacy—to use their all powerful influence in aid of this call, to add one crowning sacrifice to those which their patriotism has so freely and constantly offered on their country's altar...

Given under my hand, and the Seal of the Confederate States, at Richmond, this 1st day of August, 1863.

J. P. BENJAMIN, Secretary of State.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS. Hoqd'rs. Clanton's Brigade.

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