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To our Patrons.

Baptist will be five dollars per annum. The will establish us that Ahaz and his people had price of material and labor leaves us no other that He would establish them. alternative, unless we suspend altogether.

The Rev. Jas. H. DeVotie will preach he funeral of the Rev. REUBEN THORNTON ON the fourth Sabbath in March at Salem, Russell county, Ala.

faith Essential to our Stability.

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To a man of the world, the achievements of as recorded in sacred story are as idle They sound to him more like the ravings of lunacy than the utterances of historical certitude. The 11th chapter of Hebrews regarded as a mere fancy sketch, or as the stories of the "Arabian Knights." And no facts have ever yet been given to the zes of history more triumphantly vindicated no the facts there detailed. Whether we asaler the parties to whom they refer, or the jesty with which they are uttered, or the emalessons with which they are fraught, they equally claim our eredence. Faith in God, an element of power with God and man, ands without a parallel, in the catalogue of usan achievements. "If ye had faith as a in of mustard seed," said our Lord to his sciples, "ye could say to this mountain, be ye acked up and cast into the sea, and it should done." And yet the energy of the one, lough the smallest of seeds," brought to is upon the amazing bulk of the other, ald lift if from its bed. and cast it into the . Nothing is too hard for God; and as lays hold upon his strength, its power is y measured by the resources of Almighti-

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the passage we have quoted at the head of article is the close of Isaiah's address to az, king of Judah; on a very important oc ion. The kings of Syria and Israel had ederated together to invade and destroy ah, and had commenced their march with a s of the wood are moved with the wind." etablem could have more forcibly set forth neterbation of mind and heart under the of fear. The Lord directed Isaiah' to Ahaz, and encourage him and his people waveb for his own sake, for he was an unwicked king, but for the sake of the David. He begins to encourage him Take heed, and be quiet ; fear not. be faint hearted," that their wicked shall not stand, neither shall it come and closes with the significant reflec-

here are several things implied/and exod in this passage, worthy of our serious sidiration. It seems to be implied that the ar would not be readily and firmly believe belief is the great, universal, damning sin tace. Sin has darkened our understandardened our hearts, and blunted our sensibilities; so that the proclamation of spel of peace is the last thing we are sed to believe. As it is the first and most ble sin which obstracts the entrance of that into the heart, so it is the last sin lingers in the soul of the believer him-O fools and slow of heart to believe all prophets have spoken," said our bless to those who might have been supto have had the least excuse for its ince. It is the great parent sin of the us it has been, is now, and ever will be

If ye will not believe, surely ye shall not

demnation of the world. are instructed furthermore, that though signs mercy to us, yet the bestowal of uply passive in religion. We are somemore in the divine hand than the marble he chisel of the artist. "We are workgether with him." How impressive, ce, the exhortation, "Work out your dvation with fear and trembling; for it that worketh in you (not on you) both and to do, of his own good pleasure,"be bad said, 'Work, because God works!

of or such a mighty schievement!"

But it is especially declared that faith is essential to our stability. It might seem from this that faith was in our power. But let it be considered that what God requires as a daty, He graciously bestows as a mercy and a privilege. If He requires us to repent, He has "exalted Christ as a prince and Savior to grant repentance." If He requires us to believe, He is "the author and finisher of our faith."-What therefore, is impossible to nature, is possible to grace. As an element of power. as we have stated, nothing can equal faith in God, for the reason that it lays bold of Almightiness itself. It imparts stability to the understanding, by incorporating into it the great truths of religion. It gives stability to practice, by exciting us to "run in the way of his commandments." It gives stability to hope, by anchoring it upon Christ, as the source of all our comforts. O, what affecting cause have

May we not learn from this passage, that our establishment as a mation is conditioned upon our faith in God? If we take our eyes off of Him, and fix them upon our dangers their rags, and send them in at their and upon our own resources, we shall most certainly fail. If we give way to our fears, as Abaz and his people were doing when Isaiah was sent to them, when their "hearts were moved as the trees of wood were moved by the wind." surely we shall not be established." The highest honor we can confer upon a fellow creature is to give him our unlimited confidence. Nor can we more highly honor God A faith that holds the soul steady to its purposes in weal and woe-that no disasters can shake, and no successes can vitiate-that looks with an undimmed eye upon the storm cloud that lowers over our horizon, and accounts that nothing is too hard for God! If we do From and after the first of January, 1864, our duty to God, to ourselves, and our country, the subscription price of the South Western we have the same authority to expect that He

> O for a faith that will not shrink, Though pressed by every foe. ? That will not tremble on the brink Or any earthly wor - A faith that shipes more bright and clear When tempests rage without.
> That when in danger know no fear,
> In terraness feels no doubt
> Lord give us such a taith as the
> And then, whatever may come,
> We II taste e'en here, the ballowed bliss
> Of an eternal home.

Orphan Asylum.

The communication, or Circular, we pubshed last week from the Corresponding tary of this institution, came to hand too late for us to make any editorial allusion to it .--Perhaps no form can be given to the benevolent impulses of our people which so fully emy bodies the true spirit of Christian patriotism as this movement. We had hoped from what transpired at the Convention last November, that by this time the enterprise would have been much farther advanced than it is; but not knowing the embarrassments of those who have it in charge, we were perhaps expecting too much. We trust now, that as the organization of the Board of Trustees is completed that it will move forward with an energy commensusate with its importance. We know it is important to have the foundation well laid before we begin to build. It/is well to count up the cost. And now that the whole matter has been fully matured, we cannot but hope that something worthy of the cause will soon be accomplished.

The appointment of judicious agents to colleet the necessary funds for this purpose, is a matter of the first importance; and we are glad to know that the services of one has been secured who is eminently fitted for the position. We allude to our brother Rev. J. J. D. REN-FROE, of Talladega, Having served in the capacity of Chaplain for a year with entire acceptance, and being thoroughly impressed with the magnitude and importance of providing such an institution for the children of diswerful force, spreading desolation and terror, eased and disabled soldiers, combined with emimuch that when Ahaz heard it, his heart ment talents he will accomplish as much for the moved, and the heart of his people, as the cause as any man in the State. May the blessing of Him who "went about doing good," accompany him in his benevolent mission, and give him favor in the sight of his brethren!

We shall keep our readers advised; so far as we can, of the progress of the enterprize. We regret that the State is not more generally represented on the Board; but we suppose that it was considered more import nt to have it so located as that meetings could be readily called. There are men however, in other portions of the State who would doubtless have made any sacrifices to promote an object of such transcendant importance. And while we have every confidence in the men who compose the Board, both as to their ability and efficiency. we could have wished that some names had been added from Eastern Alabama, at least, who would have been some advantage to the Board in several respects. Far be it from us to make this an objection to the movement ; for we shall give it our most hearty support. In the inauguration of an institution of this kind, it strikes us that the more generally the responsibility can be diffused, the chances of success are multiplied. After it has been put in successful operation, a small Board would no doubt manage it best.

PROGRESS OF THE REVIVAL .- Since our last, the meetings in our town continue with unabated interest. Some twenty-five have been added to the Baptist Church .-- twenty-four by baptism, and one by letter. Others are expected to joined soon. How many have join the Methodist Church, we have not learned. The meetings there are still continued with flattering ercy is conditioned on faith. We are prospects. May the good Spirit continue the under His gracious influence. The Rev. J. H. DeVotie was with us last week, and preached e in the power and demonstration of the Spirit." Our community were greatly delighted with his

Liberal.

Mr. HORACE WARE, of Columbiana, Ala., while you have the co-operation of the writes us that he is ready to contribute 100 Being in the universe that can achieve the pounds of leather to furnish shoes to Battle's Work with fear and trembling! for Brigade of veterans. In these scarce times, Torks as a Sovereign, and may leave off this donation is quite liberal. Who will foling any moment, and you to perish! | low his example? No portion of the Confed-He gives you the will and the power, erate army more richly deserves such benefacwith your might, ere you become pow- tions. Let not our zeal abate until every soldier is provided for.

Religous Intolerance.

We have said from the commencement of this struggle, that religious liberty, soulliberty, was as much imperiled as our political liberty. The result shows that we have not been mistaken. A recent order from the despotic government at Washington directs that all Southern ministers shall be ejected from their several charges, TUNNELL HILL, GEO. Feb. 18 1864. and their places filled by "loyal ministers." that is, abolition ministers. A Northern Methodist Bishop has already taken formal possession of the church property of M. E. Church, South, in New Orleans, and instructions have also been which hang heavily upon the soldier's issued from the department, that a similar hands, and which must be employed Churches in the South. We do not see how spent either in dissipation, or in somethis can be executed; for our government is hard visage of puritanism itself to brook the character. Habits are formed, and congregational, and we think it will test the indignation which the order will excite. But in all probability will accompany the of subjugation?

The War News.

Our prospects have somewhat brightened within the last week or ten days. The column. sent from Hilton Head a short time since to innumber killed and wounded, a considerable number of prisoners taken, all their artillery. (so the account says.) and a considerable number of small arms, camp equipage, &c. Gen'l Finegan commanded our forces, and he and his for they fought a vastly superior force.

In Mississippi, Sherman has retreated back from whence he came, tearing up the entire rathroad from Meridian to Jackson, robbing the country, and leaving by his wake atter desola- patriot and Christian. tion. Our cavalry are in pursuit, and no doubt will annoy him no hittle. Forrest has encoun- of Ala., to make contributions and tered Grierson, and scattered his forces, killing, send us religious literature. We wounding and capturing a large number of them. The enemy have accomplished nothing by this move, but the destruction of property.

In North Georgia, after skirmishing and manœuvering for some days, they have concluded people. not to risk a general engagement with Johnston, and have retreated back towards Chatta nooga./ Our forces pursued, and captured quite a number of prisoners.

discount of 334 per cent. in the late currency the army. Having no state organ of bill until the 1st of July next.

For the South Western Baptist. DALTON, GA., Feb. 17th 1864.

At a meeting of the chaplain's Association of the Army of Tenn., on motion the following reports and resolutions were adopted, which may be interesting to the public:

Hindman's corps presented a very encouraging report of the state of religion in the above corps.

B. W. McDonold on committee to secure Bibles from the enemy, reported a communication from the Secretary of War, stating that there was no commerce allowed between us and the could not be obtained in this way.

supplied with religious exercises.

W. T. Bennett on committee to publish the Tract on 'Depredation on private property," reported that the publishers at Macon were willing to adopt the Tract as their own.

J. G. Richards introduced the tol-

Resolved, That the General Associa tion recommend to the chaplains and missionaries of the several Brigades, statictical tables, stating the amount one cold day last winter, tried tian Associations and the member- high; pull the string up." She look-

tion and prayer.

substitute was adopted.

morial from the army to Congress to spirit of content and thankfulness?

remove existing regulations affecting | the sanctity of the Sabbath

Association adjourned with prayer A. D. McVAY, Secty. Other papers please publish.

For the South Western Baptist

DEAR SIR: It is well known to all who have had any experience in camps, that there are many idle hours course shall be pursued in regard to Baptist in one way or another. They must be thing noble and of a more elevated what cares the despot for churches, only as wearer to the grave. 7 Of course, in they may serve to to promote his fell purposes camps, the tendency is all on the side of evil. Not that camps make men worse, but they present the oppertunity-where full scope can be given to all the baser passions of the human heart. And strange to say, some few vade Florida, and destroy a large amount of are laboring under the passing strange government stores which had accumulated there, delusion not only to plunge headlong tear up railroads, burn houses, steal property, into any and every disipation, but even &c., have been most signally defeated, a large perpetrate crimes heinous and black with guilt, supposing themselves justifible whilst in defence of their country's cause.

Our friends at home if they see not noble men deserve the thanks of the country; eve witnesses of these things, at least hear of it. To take part threfore in staving the tide of wickedness is certainly the part of the phylanthropist,

> Hence, we ask our Baptist brethren should hail with joy the "South Western Baptist" in our midst as the expounder of our peculiar views as a

We shall welcome literature from our own denomination, not that we are in favour of inculcating sectarian On the whole, the situation is becoming more principles, or creating dissensions in encouraging every day. It appears that Sher, the army; but it is certainly right man did not have half the force he was first and our duty to keep pace with other reported to have had. It is thought we have Christian societies. Our Methodist now men enough in the West to meet any brethren are far ahead of us both in the number of chaplains and in the des-FIVE DOLLAR BILLS are exempted from the semination of their own literature in our own we appeal to our neighbors. And shall we appeal in vain? The small pittance of the soldier will scarcely keep soul and body together. Christians, let us lend a helping hand in promoting the soldier's moral welfare, whilst he is nobly battling for our rights. Any paper, tracts, &c., Communications from Hardee's and sent to the undersigned will be cheerfull received and distributed among Fraternally, our soldiers.

CHS. H. OTKEN, chaplain 45th Miss. Infantry.

Lowery's Brigade, Cleburn's Div. Hardee's corps, Tunnel Hill, Geo.

For the South Western Baptist. DEAR BRO : Please acknowledge enemy, and that therefore, the Bibles the receipt of \$65,00 donated to the army missions by our esteemed bro-W. H. Browning on committee, to ther Elder A. Andrews. This amount supply the army with religious privi- is the proceeds of a collection made leges, reported that every regiment in by the colored congregation to which Hardee's corps, except Cleburn's our bro. Andrews preaches, as a com-Division, had been visited and duly pensation for his ministrial labors among them. Comment is unnessary -- the collection was liberal, and the donation worthy of his accostomed

> I trust the pastor and people may be richly rewarded for this act of disinterested benefience.

Yours truly, M. T. SUMNER, Cor. Sec.

OUR FATHER .-- A good woman, to furnish to their corps Associations, searching out the children of want of reading matter distributed, the open a door in the third story of a number of prayer meetings held, ser wretched house, when she heard a mons preached, the number of Chris- little voice say, "Pull the string up ships, and that the Corps Associations ed up and saw a string, which, on report the same to this Association. being pulled, lifted a latch, and she The secretary was requested to notify opened the door upon two little halfthe chaplains and missionaries of the naked children, all alone. Very cold above, and he takes this method of and pitiful they looked. "Do you take care of yourselves, little ones ??" A committee was apointed to over- asked the good woman. "God takes ture the President of C. S. A. to ap- care of us," said the oldest. "And point an early day of fasting, humila- are you not very cold? no fire on a day like this!" "Oh, when we are M. B. DeWitt introduced the fol- very cold, we creep under the quilt, and I put my arms round Tommy, and Resolved, That we, the chaplains Tommy put his arms round me, and and missionaries of the army of Tenn., we say, 'Now I lay me;' then we get in Association assembled do most warm," said the little girl. "And earnestly, yet respectfully petition the what have you to eat, pray?" When Congress of the Confederate States grandmother comes home, she fetches to so alter or amend the army regula- us something. She says God has got tions as to forbid all reviews, inspec- enough. She calls us God's sparrows; tious, other paradles, and all other and we say, 'Our Father' and 'daily works not essentially necessary to bread' every day. God is our Father. the security and welfare of the army Tears came in the good woman's on the Sabbath day. God has com- eyes. She had a mistrusting spirit manded us to keep this day holy; herself; but those two little "sparwhich cannot be done under the rows." perched in that cold upper present regulations. The following chamber, taught her a sweet lesson of faith and trust she will not forget.

Resolved, That we, chaplains and And have you, children, who have missionaries of this army move a me- almost everything else, this sweet

Morning and Evening Prayer.

May I take this occasion of speaking of the importance of this one then the gift of the ungodly. God solemn ordinance of the religion, had put it into their hearts to supply never to be forgotten wherever we are-morning and evening prayer? It is the beast means of reminding in the past." ourselves of the presence of God .--To place ourselves in His hands before we go forth on our journey, on our pleasure, on our works, to commit ourselves again to Him before we retire to rest; this is the best security for keeping up our faith and trust in Him in whom we profess to believe, whom we all expect to meet after we leave this world. It is also the security for our leading a good and happy life. We shall find it thrice as difficult to fall into sin, if we have prayed against it that very morning, or if we thank God for having kept it from us that very evening. It is the best means of gaining strength, and refreshment, and courage and self denial for the day. It is the best means of gaining content, and tranquility, and rest for the night; for it brings us, as nothing else can bring us, into the presence of Him who is the source of all these things, and we give them freely to those who truly and sincerely ask for them. We may "ask" for ted. them without caring to have them; A few weeks since, Dr. Baur was but that is not really "asking." We laid on his deathbed. His mind was may "seek," but without lifting up clear and his reason unimpaired. He our finger to get what we seek; but had been unable to lecture for some that is not really "seeking." We may months, and his wonted serenity of "knock," but so leebly and irresolute- temper left him. In his public teachly, that no sound can be heard within ings, and perhaps also, in his heart's or without; that is not really to convictions, he had dethroned God "knock." But "ask distinctly and and substituted human reason in His and pertinaciously; and in some way Deity, and the value of prayer, could or other, depend upon it we shall be not doubt that He whom he had thus

dreds of brave men had fallen, never God; but he could not help himself. to bear arms again, and where hun- God did exist, that was certain; and dreds more were wounded, that a he was his enemy. The gloom and soldier came to the tent and said darkness in which he had groped, and "Chaplain, one of our boys is badly which by the aid of his farthing rushwounded, and wants to see you right light, he attempted to explore, afford-

Hurriedly following the soldier, I soldier. He was pale and blood-stained from a terrrible wound above the temple. I saw at a glance that he had but a few hours to live upon earth. Taking his hand, I said to him, "Well, my brother what can I do for you?" The poor dying soldier looked up in my face, and placing his finger where his hair was stained with his blood, he said "Chaplain, cut, a -big lock from here for mother! for mother, mind, Chaplain!" I hesitated to do it. He said, "Don't be afraid, Chaplian, to disfigure my hair. It's for mother, and nobody will come to see me in the dead-house to-morrow.'

I did as he requested me. "Now, Chaplain," said the dying man, "I want you to kneel down by me and return thanks to God!" "For what?" I asked. "For giving me such a mother. Oh! Chplain, she is a good console me now, And, Chaplain, as "Napoleon the Little." thank God that by His grace I am a Christian. Oh! what would I do now if I wasn't a Christian! I know that my Redeemer liveth. I feel that his finished work has saved me. And, impressive aspect? Does not the Chaplain, thank God for giving me natural mind turn the wrong end of dying grace. He has made my dying the glass toward the sovereignty, holibed feel soft as downy pillows are .- ness and wrath of God-toward the Thank Him for the promised home in glory of Heaven-toward the guilt of glory. I'll soon be there-there, where there is no war, nor sorrow, nor desolation, nor death-where I'll see Jesus, and be forever with the Lord!"

I knelt by the dying man, and thanked God for the blessings he had bes towed upon him-the blessings of a good mother, a Christian hope, and dying grace to bear testimony to God's faithfulness. Shortly after the prayer, he said, "Good-bye, Chaplain; if you ever see mother, tell her it was all well!"

writer, in one of our Southern exexchanges, says: "I met with a happy Christian yesterday. She was not rich, nor had she a house or home of had been accustomed; yet in the midst of all this destitution and poverty, and support. She told me that, for many months past, she had gone to God with her daily wants, and she sometimes she was without food, and you for Jesus.

| she would go on her knees for it, and the food was brought to her door, now the contribution of the pious, and her; and her faith, she said, was con tinued and steady, for the future as

Death of a Pantheist.

Among the pantheistic rationalists of the present day in Germany, Dr. F. C. Baur has stood foremost. A man of vast erudition which he had turned against Christianity with extraordinary vigor, of remakable eloquence, and facinating address, he was to the infidel movement of the present century what Voltaire was to the last, but with far more than Voltaire's learning and power. The most eminent Christian scholars of Germany, while they combated with courage and .effeet his pantheistic views, did homage to his great, ablilities; to him is due in a great degree, the prevalence among educated minds in Germany of the mythical in hypothesis which more ably than Strauss or any other of its advocates he had urged and defended : to him, too was Theodore Parker mainly indebted for the infidel doctrines he so realously promulga-

with understanding ; "seek" earnestly place. He who had ridiculed with and deliberately : "knock" eagerly all his powers the idea of a personal ignored was holding him in his hand, The Christian Soldier in Death, and that he was soon to be called to stand before him. His proud spirit It was just after a battle where hun- rebelled against such a recognition of ed him no hiding place from such a God; and in his despair, as death was taken to the hospital, and led to grew nigh, he began to pray, "Lord, a bed upon which lay a noble young grant me a peaceful end," and acknowledged that Josus alone was the Sayiour from sin. Whether his benighted spirit found light and rest in that gracious Redeemer, we may not know until the day that is to reveal all things; but the fact that the prince of skeptics should have been brought in the trying hour to acknowledge the authority and power of the God he so long derided and denied, is another evidence of the insufficiency of pantheism, as well as any other form of unbelief, to satisfy the soul in the hour

The Wrong End of the Glass.

It is said that Parisian ladies who are hostile to the Emperor, testify their contempt, when he goes to the opera, by looking at him through the wrong end of their glasses, so that he mother; her teachings comfort and appears (in the style of Victor Hugo)?

Has not the mind-so to speak-an inverted opera glass through which it looks at themes that displeases it. until these are dwarfed from their sin, the curse of the law and the gulf of hell? Are not these things seen in less than their real magnitude so the sinner fails to reallize how excellent, priceless, and worthy of pusuit, the favor of God is; how terrible, and necessary to be shuned, is His displeasure?

Alas for the delusive peace in a life of sin, which this expedient secures !-When death comes, and turns the glass, and shows us these things as they are -when all the instruments of false vision are wrested from our grasp, and the great can no longer be made to A HAPPY CHRISTIAN .-- A letter appear little, nor the infinite and the eternal be cut down below the proportions of the temporal and the infinite-when we look upon God face to face, and the light of His counter her own. She is greatly destitute of nance shines over the truths we have comforts, to which for long years she lost, and pierces the veil that shuts out the horrors of hell in which we have madly laid up as our portion, -oh. she felt that she could implicitly rely then what tongue can utter, what upon God for her daily sustenance mind conceive, our anguish, and remorse, and despair?

Sinner, see to it that you look not through the uninverted glass-look had never been disappointed. Some at the things of God, under the testitimes she was without fuel, and would mony of His word and tuition of His pray to God, and it would come; Spirit, until they take possession of

God Glorified in the Time and Manner of Satan's Defeat.

You ask, why did four thousand asking you, why does this accomplish | sewing. ed racer, who stands abrest of his com- "He is a mean dastardly coward, petitor, not start along with him? and upon this Holy Bible I-" Why, lingering by the starting post, "Stop, husband. John! remember does he give his opponent a long ad- he is my brother; and by the love vantage? and then springing for- you bear me, forbear to curse him .ward on the feet of the wind, ap- He has done you wrong. I allow, but proach him, pass him. leave him lag oh! John he is very young and very ging far behind? . Why, but to prove sorry. The momentary shame you more plainly his superiority and felt vesterday will hardly be wiped Sembitter the bitterness of an an- out with a curse. It will only injure tagonist's defeat. Or, we may ask yourself, John. Oh! please don't say you, why, when the news of his friend's anything dreadful!" illness was carried to Gallilee, did The sweet-faced woman prevailed our Lord tarry there, not harrying the curse that hung upon the lips of through Samaria, hasten to the relief the angry man was not spoken; but of Lazarus? He does not even arrive still he said, "I'll never forgive himjust when the breath has left, and ere he has done me a deadly wrong." the form of him he loved is yet stiff. The young man who had provoked four days rotting in the grave. Why injured almost beyond reparation .-the door of the dead man's tomb he him. might stand forth, not only the con- In his store sat the young village querer of death, but Lord also of the merchant, one pleasant morning, con-

through the land, beacon fires are proached; but he took no notice of it of a million miles a minute, yet the blazing on every hill and headland, until a hatless boy burst into the store. light from the nearest star requires and before one hostile foot has touch screaming at the top of his. voice, ten years to reach the earth, and ed the soil hurrying from shepherd's "Mr. Locke, Johnny is in the riverhut and pesant's cottage, lonely glens little Johnny Locke." Jesus Christ was to show himself to the surface with the boy, and death be the Power as well as the "Wis- seemed inevitable. dom' of God. This is the manner of John Locke fell down on the green to grow stronger in sin, Despair not! him. nor think that he has shut the door of mercy! What if he has left you so long, just to show how he can save at the very uttermost .- call at the eley. brother-in-law and the pale lips trementh hour .- and by the breath of his ble forth, "Do you forgieve me ?" Spirit cause "dry bones" to live .-Gospel in Ezekiel.

The Blood of the Lamb.

"Tell me" said a minister to an old a beaming smile were all the answer. any more," rejoined the old man .- living. "You will never get to heaven so, Mr. Oh! if he had died with my un Henry," said the Minister solemnly. kindness clouding his soul, never the ninth chapter of the book of Reve from my Father in Heavan!" said the Lamb."

that's it. The blood of the Lamb we forgive those who tresspass against saves souls. Good works can't do it. us." Doing as well you can, can't do it .-Doing as well or even better than others can't do it. Nothing but the "I feel," said a truly Christian man blood of the Lamb. That can do it, on his death-bed, "how foglish were thank God. It has washed millions many of the pursuits which occupied of spotted, guilty souls white as the my gliding hours." driven snow. It has led millions It were well for us to anticipate some from the corruptions of earth to the of the views which we shall take of bliss and purity of heavenly glory. earthly things when we come to lie The blood of the Lamb, and that only, on our death-bed. saves souls.

of the Lamb saves souls.

171 Never Fogive Him.

"I'll never forgive him-never !" "Never is a hard word, John," said years elapse between the promise and the sweet faced wife of John Locke, the promised One? I may reply, by as she looked up a moment from her

and cold in death. He leaves Laza his bitterness; humbled and repentant; rus to die. He leaves Lazurus to be sought in vain forgiveness from him. buried. - He leaves Lazarus to lie whom in a moment of passion, he had this strange delay? why, but that at John Locke steeled his heart against

tentedly reading the morning paper. On the alarm of war, the news fly A sound of hurried footsteps ap-

and crowded cities, freemen line the To dash down the paper, and spring beach to fight a country's enemies on for the street, was the first impulse of a country's shores. In the great bat- the agonized father. On, on, like a tle of redemption there is no such maniac, he flew, till he reached the haste. Not for four days nor even bank of the river, pallid and crazed. four years but for the long period with anguish. The first sight that through the darkness beyond. When of four thousand years, Satan is met his eyes was little Johnny lying he beheld this amaxing abyss-when he left in all but undisputed possess- in the arms of his mother, who with saw these systems scattered profusely ion of his conquest. God leaves her hair hanging dishevelled around throughout space-when he reflected him ample time to entrench himself, to her, bent wildly over her child .-- upon their immense distance, their found, to strengthen, to estabish, The boy was just saved. He breath- enormous magnifude, and the count to extend his kingdom. Why? but ed, and opening his eyes, smiled faint- less millions of worlds that belonged that a Redeemer's power might be ly in his mother's face, while she with to them, it seemed to him as though the more apparent in its ignominous a chocking voice, thanked God .and total overthrow. And in this, Another form lay insensible, stretched was more than realized. Christ glorified himself; just as we near the child. From his head the should do were we to leave the sap- dark blood flowed from ghastly wound ling in possession of the soil until The man against whom John Locke it grew into a tree, and then, bending, had sworn eternal hatred, had at the on, it more than a giant's strength, risk of his own life, been the saviour should lay its, head and pride, and of the child. He had struck a floaglory in the dust. As a Redcemer, ting piece of driftwood as he came to

redemption. And may I not take sward, and bent over the senseless occasion from it to tell the oldest, form. "Save him," he cried, buskily, hardest, most hoary sinner, to hope, to the doctor, who had been summonand turn to God? He has left you end: "Restore him to consciousness long; He has left you till now; He has if it be only one little moment; I left you amid the infirmities of years have something important to say to

"He is reviving," replied the Doctor. The wounded man opened his eyes, they met the anxious glance of the

"Yes, yes; God is witness, as hope for mercy heareafter, I freely forgive you, and in turn ask your forgiveness for my unchristian conduct?" A feeble pressure of the hand and

man one day, "what is it you look to, Many days the brave young man to take you to heaven." The old hung upon a slender thread of life, man, after a few moments' hesitation, and never were more devoted friends replied, "Well, sir, I must do as well than those who hovered over the rick as I can." "Do you think that will bed. But a vigorous constitution save you?" asked the Minister. "I triumphed, and, pale and changed, he hope so sir. I dont know as I can do walked forth once more among the

He then read the following verse from should I have dared to hope for mercy lations: "These are they which came John Locke to his wife, as they sat out of great tribulation and have wash- talking over the solemn event that ed their robes, and made them white in had threatened their lives with a livthe blood of the Lamb." "Now, ing trouble. "Never-now I have Mr. Henry," said the minister, "is tasted the sweetness-never again there anything there about their will I cherish revenge or unkindness getting there by doing as well as they towards the erring; for there is new could?" "No, sir," replied the old meaning to my soul in the words of man blushing. "No, I see it now .- our daily prayer, and I see that I They got to heaven by the blood of have only been calling judgments upon myself, while I have impiously By the blood of the Lamb! Yes, asked, "Forgive us our tresspasses as

The Solemn Standpoint.

What will be our view of the re-Reader, that blood is able to save grad for property, which we cherish? you. It is just what you need. You It is proper that we should provide was broken, and will strengthen that fantry under Gen. Osterhaus, and a brigade of have but to cast youself upon it just for our own; it is proper that we as you are, and your soul will be cloth- should be industrious and enterprising ed in the pure vestments of salvation. in our business; but our desire for Fly to it, then! Forget not the blood the property must not be excessive, must not degenerate into idolatry, as Murry.

it often does. Covetousness is deelared by the Word of God to be idolatry. We should regard with liorror the sight of a Chinese idolater coming from the worship of his idols to the communion table. Is idolatry in a professed christian less sinful

than in a benighted heathen?

What will be our views in relation to the amusement's we have pursued? Man must have rest and relaxation. His nature requires it. Health, physical and mental, would give way under the constant pressure of labor and character; some are befitting a Christian and some are not. Wiewed from considered wise, appear foolish?

feel that our motives were very impure, and our efforts very feeble, we shall wish we had done more for Christ-

Let us anticipate the views which shall be taken from the solemn standpoint we are approaching, and save ourselves the pain of unaviling re-

A Sublime Idea.

"Light traverses space at the rate Herschel's telescope reveled stars 2300 times further distant. The great telescope of Lord Ross pursued these creations of God still farther into space, and having resolved the nebulæ of the Milky Way into stars -beautiful diamond points glittering the wild dream of the German poet

"God called man in his dream into the vestibule of lieaven, saying, 'Come hither and I will show thee the glory of my house.' And to his angels who stood about his throne, he said, 'Take him, strip him of his robes of flesh ; cleanse him of his affections; but touch not his human heart'-the heart that fears and hopes, and trembles. A moment and it was done, and the man stood ready for his uned more constellations. At last the groan of despair. man sank down, crying, 'Angel, I can go no further; let me lie down in the grave, and hide myself from the infinitude of the universe, for end there is none?' Demanded the angel, and from the glittering stars that shone the day which our Lord improved. around there came a choral shout: 'End there is none! End there is

A Good Paston .-- The true em blems of regood minister are, a shepherd at the head of his flock, and a parent at the head of his family .--The shepherd has an equal regard for the St. Mary's river, and are reported to be , Two No. 1 Concord Coaches. all the flock, for the lambs as for the boats sheep; he seeks the wandering; he applies remedies to the diseased; he gathers the lambs to his arms; he collects them into the fold at night, and counts them as they enter, so that leads them forth in the morning into diligence, the best good of them all. ready for Grants onward move when he is." He exercises a general care over all, and a special care over each. So sheep -as a father cares for his family -as God promises to care for Israel when He says, "I will feed my flock; I will seek that which was lost, and bring again that which was driven away, and will bind up that which

Household Instruction.

The following account is given by Milner, is his "Church History,," of the family order observed by Eleaser, count of Arian, in the fourteenth century : "I cannot, said the count allow blasphemy in my house nor anything in word or deed which offends the laws ofdecorum. Dice and all games of hazard are to be prohibited. Let all persons in my house divert themselvs at proper times, but not in a sinful manner. In the morning, readausterity. But amusements vary in ing and prayer must be attended to. Let there be constant peace in my family, otherwise two armies are ala death-bed, will not many things, ways found under my roof, and the which we have persuaded ourselves to master is devoured by them both. If regard as innocent, appear sinful? any difference arise, let not the sun Will not many things which we have go down upon your wrath?. We must bear with something if we have to What will be our views of our live among mankind. Every evening efforts to do good? As we shall all the family shall be assembled at a godly conference, in which they shall hear somthing of God and salvation: Let none be absent on pretence of attending to my affairs. I have no affairs so interesting to me as the salvation of my household. I seriously forbid all justice which may cloak itself under color of serving me."

THE HUMING BIRD'S NEST .-- Captain Lyon, of the British navy, relates that in Africa he once - watched a huming bird whose young lay in her nest, building a rim around it to keep them from falling out. A few days latter, he observed the same thing repeated. An additional story was raised to protect her growing brood. And so from time to time she built up her shallow nest to a vase-like house for her fledgelings; till strong enough to venture out and try their

Wonderful instinct! and how like the design and culture of a truly Christian home. The parents are prayerfully to adapt restraining saving influences to their capacity, building around the young hearts moral barriers, and keeping them within its warm enclosure till they may be trusted amid the perils of the cold and sinful world about them. To train the spirit's wing for its flight beyond the stars, is the end of all parental responsibility; and that without which, it has in the highest sense, proved an awful failure. The home, when true to its design, how near toglory! when impure, irreligious, how near the gates of death eternal!

A DEATH-BED .-- A death-bed is a known voyage. Under the guidance wonderful reasoner; many a proud of a mighty angel with sounds of the infidel hath it humbled and refuted flying pinions, they speed away from without a word, who but a short time the battlements of heaven. Some before would have defied all the abilitime on the mighty angel's wings they two man to shake the foundation of fled through Saharas of darkness, wil his system. All is well, so long as derness of death. At length at a the curtain is up, and the puppet show distance not counted save in the arith- of life goes on; but when the rapid metic of heaven, a light beamed upon representation draws to a close, and them-a sleepy flame as seen through every hope of a longer respite is a hazy cloud. In a moment the blazing precluded, things will, appear in a suns are around them-a moment the very different light. Would to God, wheeling of planets; then came long I could say, that that great awful eternities of twilight, then again on moment was so often distinguished by the right hand and on the left appear- the dew of repentance, as by the

If we were upon the watch for improvement, the common news of the day, would furnish it; the falling of the tower in Siloam, and the slaughter of Galileans, were the news of

Secular Intelligence.

Latest from Florida.

We are indebted to R. W. Cope, Esq., for the following dispatch : Nav. News. LAKE CITY. Feb. 24, via Columbus.

The enemy is completely whipped and retreat ing. They have abandoned their position on abandoning Baldwin and retreating to the gun-

Our loss is 85 killed, and from 700 to 800 wounded. The enemy's loss is between 1.506 A. L. CANOVA.

Cheering from Gen. Johnson's Army. The following says the Richmond Whig, is an extract from a letter from an officer of Gen. Johnston's, army, high in position: The troops none may be left without; and he are all in comfortable log houses, and our rations fair, so that there is a much better spirit, and more contentment. The men, too, are getting the green pastures and beside the furloughs, one for every ten men of regiments still warters. His care and watchful- auconditionally re-enlisting for the war, or who have determined to re-enlist. Other regiments ness descend to all the flock. And get furloughs one for twenty-five (25) men. The so the father of a family exercises a re-enlistment spirit is strong; more than half special care over every member of it, the army having expressed their determination to see the war through to the bitter end. Aband 'seeks, with equal care and senteeism is much diminished, and we will be

GLOOMY STATE OR AFFAIRS IN EAST TENNES-SEE .- The New York World of the 7th, says : Our Nashville correspondence represents that that a good minister should care for affairs are in a sad condition in East Tennessee. his people as a shepherd cares for his Longstreet has had his own way in that section, and has succeeded in foraging upon the most productive portion of the State, and this too, while the treops at Knoxville have been compelled to endure the privations of limited rations. Gen. Schofield has taken command, and hopes are entertained that a change for the better will be the immediate result.

RETREATED .- The Rome Courier, of Saturdy states that the Federal force, a division of inwhich was sick." And if the Great cavalry, commanded by Gen. Wilder, had retired beyond the Tennessee river. They recross-Shepherd condescends to such duties, ed last Tuesday night, and have fortified on the on what ground can under shepherds north bank of the river, opposite Larkin's ferry. Their pontoons had not been taken up on Wedexcuse themselves from it? - Dr. nesday. Our scouts now go to Larkin's ferry, and also to Guntersville.

The Capture of an Express Train on the Baitimore and Ohio Rallroad.

We have already given an account from the Baltimore American of the capture of an express train on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad on Thursday week. The capture of this train was made by Major Gilmer's battalion of independent fangers, at a point in Jeffersoncounty known as Brown's Shop, about midway between Harper's Ferry and Martinsburg. At both of those points there was a heavy force of the enemy, and after the capture of the train was discovered, detachments were sent out to intercept Gilmer's band. The train was the Express from Baltimore, and on board of it were eighty armed Yankees, all of whom, with their arms, fell into Gilmer's hand. Major Gis oree consisted of but twenty eight men. Among he passengers on board the train was ex Senator-Bright, of Indiana, who is reported to have rather enjoyed his capture by our forces.

The results of the capture were about \$100,-000 in greenbacks, 100 fine revolers, a large lot of sabres, several gold watches, and many other

Being closely pursued by a heavy column of the enemy, Maj. Gilmer found it necessary to let the prisoners off. which he did with great

regret,- Richmond D sp., 22d The Late Raid on the Baltimore and Ohio Road-Loss over One Million of Dollars.

A dispatch dated the 7th inst., from Cumberland, Maryland, to the New York World, says: On the 29th ult., a large wagon train was captured between new Creek and Petersburg; but this disaster caused very little excitement in town; but on the 2d inst., this raid culminated." About two p. m., couriers arrived announceing that the North branch and Patterson Creek bridges situated respectively six and eight miles east of this place, had been burned by the rebels. The long roll summoned the soldiers to arms, who soon took position about two miles south east of our town. Soon the supports arrived but the "rebs" didn't come. They having accomplished their work, retired without molestation.

The forces at the bridges which made the capture have been variously estimated at from sixty totwo thousand five hundred men. They captured one company of the 54th Pennsylvania troops that was guarding the bridges. Casualtiesone killed one mortally and sever'l slightly wound ed of the federals. Confederates none. Our forces bivouaced on the chosem field, awaiting the approach of the rebels; but Rosser having accomplished his work, was fast skedaddling to a place of safety. Pursuit then commenced, but our forces managed to keep just far enough in the rear of the rebels not to provoke a collission. PROBATE COURT-SPECIAL TERM-1171 DAY OF FIR. 18 We lost about one hundred and seven wagons heavily laden with rations, and munitions of war : also, the motive power of this immense train consisting of five hundred or six hundred horses and mules. Also, several cannon and quite a number of prisoners "gobbled" np on the route, and especially on the field where the

train was captured. For the last three months the Confederates have drawn large supplies from this department. On the 16th of November, 1862, they captured a valuable train and stores. On the 3d of January 1864, another train was "shoved" off on the wills J. Goodwix, et al) TN pursuance of Line road; the last that was taken was the most valuable of all. One million of dollars would not replace the last raid.

The excitement has subsided, but the disgrace remains. We have again relapsed into fancied security, but we know not what minute the "raid-

General Kelly has done all that could be done to avert these calamities, but his force is insufficient to protect three hundred miles of railway, accessible at all points to these daring raiders. Abolitionists denounce him as incompetent, and are doing all they can to thwart his purposes, and yet they are unwilling to fight for

at the first approach of danger. For County Superintendent,

their homes and firesides, but ever ready to flee

JNO. F. YARBROUGH,

Due Notice.

Forbearance has ceased to be a virtue. We have re eatedly requested short obituaries, as we did not charge or them, but they increase in length. Our limited space compells us to change our rule. We shall in the future

Have been detailed by Gen'l Battle for the purpos of collecting and carrying on shoes and other cloth ing for his command. Those that wish to contribute t the comfort of Battle's Brigade will leave their contr Thomas, or, at Lieut Jones' office, by the 15th March next.

Feb. 23, 1864

Co. C., 31 Als. Reg't

Obituaries.

herds take the lambs in their arms that the flocks may follow to greener pastures, and so the "good Shepherd" may draw us to the fair fields of Paradise.

and H. A. Oliver; aged one year, three mouths and fourteen days.

the light of her home. But we are assured the Good ing to fairer fields above. There, secure from the storms of this lever world, it shall dwell everywere in the sunlight of his love, and wink from that pure more which represented the large of the throne of God and the Lamb.

W. E. C.

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Confederate War Tax.

NOTICE is hereby given to all parties concerned, that on Monday 13ta inst, at the Court House, the Books will be opened and remain open for 15 days of the lists, valuations and enumerations of the Confederate War Tax for those who wish to take appeals to the Collector upon their Assessments. All appeals must be in writing, and shall specify the particular cause, matter, or thing, respecting which a decision is requested, and must also state the ground or principle of inequality or error complained of. These who have no appeals to take can pay their Tax. take can pay their Tax.

Also, all persons engaged in any bosiness named in the fifth section of the Tax Act, are requested to come forward and register, and pay the Specific lax for 1864.

WM. C. MARTIN, Peb'y 9, 1864. 3t-n37.36 Collector 34th Dist., Ala.

Notice to Tax Payers.

THE Court of County Commissioners for Macon County will meet at the Probate Court room of said county in Tuskegee, on Thursday after the second Monday in March next, for the purpose of correcting errors in taxes for the year 1862.

By order of the Court.

C. A. STANTON, Feb. 16, 1864. n28-td \$5 Judge of Probate.

COME AND JOIN US.

Army of Northern va; those who wish to join moral and intelligent company, will not have opportunity. This company, was formed in Manty, and called the "Macon Confederates," was manded by Capt. R. F. Licon. Those who wishell apply to Licut. Geo. Wright, at lockage myself at Tuskegee, between new and the lother those relatives of the nembers of the company and executive states. ave clothing, and especially shees, to shed by lease leave them at any convenient place in these are greatly needed. R. H. STAFFORD Feb. 25, 1864. n38-tf. Co. F. 12th Al

The State of Alabama - Macon County, PROBATE COURT, SPECIAL TERM, ITTH DAY OF THIS tay came A. Filling-acrit, and the estate of Pleasant Moon, and account current and vonctors for amanmaths administration of said estate, adjust to be filed and set for hearings not be made and appropriately to be and appropriately for the angle of the said to be and appropriately for the said to be a said to be and appropriately for the said to be a said to b

ted to be and appear at a Regular Term. Court, to be held on the said and Mopday at the court room of said count, said account and vouche, a should

Feb. 15. 1864. nas at \$6

The State of Alabama Macca County, PROBATE COURT-SPECIAL TERM-DIT THIS day came A. J. Williams, estate of Mary E. Gay, and perfect and veuclors for an absolute and set for bearing on the

The State of Alabama - Macon County PROBATE COURT, Special Trans Post over or FEB. A.

ce is hereby given to all porsel held on the said secon Ceb. 18, 1864. 2007-61-86.

The State of Alabama-Macon County.

PROBATE COURT STECIAL TERM - 1011 DAY OF 1 180 . 18 TillS day came fewis Alexander. Administrator of L. Mayes, decensed, who was Gnardian of Univ. Nancy O'Conner, minors, and presented he accept rent and youchers for a final settlements of Lis account. mardian aforasaid; which were ordered to be test for hearing on the 2d Monday in March to set for hearing on the all persons interested to be appear at a Regular Term of the Probate Court to held on the said 2d Monday in March next, at the coroom of said Court, and show cause why said according to the court of the

and youchers should not be allowed. Feb. 18, 1864. n37-3t \$6 The State of Alabama-Macon County. THIS day came P. H. Youngblood Guardian of M Thurmond, minor, and presented his account rent and vouchers for a final settlement of his admin tion of said estate; which were ordered to be d and set for hearing on the 1d Manday in February n-Notice is hereby given to all persons interested to be appear at a Regular Term of the Probate Court to held on the said 2d Monday in March next at t court-room of said Court, and show cause why said as

Feb. 18, 1864. n67-3t-\$6 REGISTER'S SALE.

Chancery Court. 12th District of the Southern Chancery Division of the State of Alabama. Jan. 14, 1864, n33 41,\$7 50 The above sale is post; oned until Monday ,7th day

March next. Feb. 25, 1864. n38 21 58 Tax Collector's Sale

property of M. Scloss. Taxes due thereog \$627 (2) \$1 50.
Feb'y 10, 1864. n26-tds Tax Col. Macon Administrator's Notice.

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TETTERS of Administration upon the estateger F.

Jan. 21, 1864. n34 6w \$7

COMMITTED TO JAIL,

the Peace in and for said county a nagro beg his name is HENRY, and that he was said Said negro boy is about 14 or 15 years old, and date of

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