





Alabama Baptist.

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Extent of Charity.

Charity is pre-eminent among the Christian graces on account of its extent. Even after the human view, charity is the noblest of religious sentiments. The other virtues receive, but this gives; and a thousand homes and hearts are blessed by its beneficence.

And further, charity claims time and eternity as its own. When faith beholds and hope enjoys and love is as it were, merged and lost in possession, the grace of charity will still exist.

Censorious Speech.

Christ warns us against speaking censoriously of others. Perchance it is their condition that revolts us. Slight is the intolerance society is wont to show, to those in deep poverty, or otherwise suffering under the severe providences of the Almighty.

We once heard of a lady, who, for joining a Baptist church, was banished from her father's house. We knew of a Baptist wife who was for months imprisoned in her chamber.

to have the seat of judgment and bow down before the throne of grace in humility and prayer. God pardon us (God bless the sinners of the world!

We reverse the decisions of the past in the case of Roger Williams. The American historian, in dwelling upon the once despised name, passes from the simple style of history into that of panegyric.

A curious instance of the power of words is afforded in the history of Daniel O'Connell. The case in which he first obtained celebrity was that of the city of W., and certain private parties in regard to the right of fishing on the neighboring river.

Of the power of words to save or to destroy, and the solemnity of our Lord's declaration that every idle word must be accounted for before the tribunal of Sovereign Judge.

The Sabbath in New Orleans.

One of the customs in the Crescent City, which painfully impresses the visitor from abroad, is the abuse of the Lord's Day. While in France the Catholic clergy by misses and parades are striving to reclaim that day to religion, their brethren in New Orleans are encouraging its secularization.

At the head of the procession, while it was wending its slow and glittering course through the streets, appeared a venerable prelate, Archbishop Perce, who gave the authority of his presence to the motley throng and who while himself violating the Lord's Day, incessantly waved his hands in blessing to the people as he passed.

Rev. Thomas Dawson.

This father in Israel, whose grey hair, strong features and ready smile are so familiar to the members of the South Carolina Baptist State Convention, has recently been interviewed by Bro. Stuekeland, who sends the Herald the following brief yet interesting notice of his history.

now enlists for "King Jesus." He was ordained for the ministry in 1818 in Washington City—by Luther Rice, Josiah Brown and John Culbertson. He then went on special mission to work to the Indians in Hiwassee Valley.

Literary Notices.

POPULAR SCIENCE MONTHLY, for June. Dr. Carpenter gives the second number of his interesting observations on Mesmerism, Occultism, Table turning and Spiritualism. It is curious to see how easily some of the perplexing mysteries of this subject are resolved by mental suggestion and unconscious muscular action.

LONDON QUARTERLY, for April. L. Scott Publ. Company, N. Y.

The lives of the distinguished literary personages are given in this number, Alexander Pope, Harriet Martineau and George Sand, all of them suggesting the epigram of Madame de Staël, "his genius is like the pearl in the oyster—the creation of disease. In the first instance the disease was in the body, in the second in the will, in the third in the affections."

LITTLE'S LIVES, for May 5, 1877.

The leading articles in these numbers are, "The Pulpit Losing its Power," by one of the most eloquent preachers in England, J. Baldwin Brown; "Reasoning Unbelief," in which the claim of Paganism and Modern Science to found a religion is protested; "The New Aestheticism," which separates Religion from our hopes and fears; "An article written in a similar spirit to that of the preceding; and the Moral Treatment of Insanity, an article of a truly Christian temper, which we commend to all who have to deal with cases of mental aberration.

Field Notes.

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Galaxy for June. The article which will especially attract attention among our Alabama readers, is one by Dr. J. M. Curry, on Executive Patronage and Civil Service Reform. Dr. Curry shows very clearly the evils of the present system and the necessity for a change. It is an anomaly that the President of a Republican Government should be invested, in every respect, with a more than royal power.

We regard Mr. White as extravagant and in error upon this point. One great department of music, we mean the religious, was never so emotional as it is at the present moment. Emerson Review, for April. Leonard Scott Pub. Co., N. Y.

The review of Mr. Jobb's Attic orators handles a great subject skillfully and learnedly. Wallace's Russia receives doubtful praise—this is a volume of rich materials poorly handled.

Lectures on Baptist History.

By Wm. R. Williams. Philadelphia: American Baptist Publication Society, 1420 Chestnut street. This deeply interesting and elegant volume consists of twelve lectures. The subjects are: John the Baptist; the Lord's Harbinger; The Kingdom of God, as set up by Christ; Baptism and Regeneration; The churches as left by Christ and as made by Man; Our churches under the Ban of Anti-Christ; The Anabaptists of the Continent and England; Rationalism in its relation to our churches; The Baptists and Religious Liberty; The Baptists of the Commonwealth and Protectorate; John Bunyan; Baptists and Missions; Baptists and the Future.

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city; and Messrs. Clark, Raymond and Gwinn of the Howard. The Judges were Judges Moore, Lockett, and our Senior. Look at the date opposite your name on the margin of this paper, and see if your time has not expired. If it has, please forward your renewal at once.

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Communications.

The American Bible Union.

Bro. Winkler—My dear father, before his death, requested me to make some statements through the columns of the ALABAMA BAPTIST in regard to his connection with the American Bible Union; but little explanation is necessary on my part as his statement is, I think, complete.

State Convention.

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The Texas Evangelist.

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Bro. Penn has been conducting a series of meetings in this city, which it is universally admitted has resulted in much good not only to this church but the entire community, therefore be it

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