

ALABAMA NEWS.

Union Springs Herald: Barbour is said to have sixty candidates for county offices. Wetumpka Times: The crop condition in this county is by no means very promising. Tuscaloosa Times: The corn crop in this county will be very short—the cotton is quite promising. Abbeville Register: Caterpillars are reported numerous in the cotton in the lower portion of the county. Bibb Blade: The Bibb county jail is to cost \$4,800, 8,600 people have been enumerated in the county. The postoffice at Box Spring, Tuscaloosa county, has been discontinued. Cottdale is the nearest office. Opelika Times: The Montgomery Southern Railway, with Dr. M. P. LeGrand as President, is now a fixed fact. Eutaw Mirror: It is reported that worms, in small quantities, have put in an appearance six miles below town. Tuskegee Mail: The drought and crops burned up and ruined, is the complaint among farmers of this vicinity. Grove Hill Democrat: Singleton and Cherry are the names of two postoffices recently established in this county. Russell Register: There is but one prisoner in the jail of Russell county, and that is John King, who has been denied bail. Montgomery Advertiser: A negro woman, at Oxmoor, drowned her own child the other day, by tying a stone about its neck and throwing it into a creek. Lafayette Leader: While playing a game of town ball, Charlie Hambrick accidentally struck Jimmie Jennings on the temple and killed him instantly. The Post Office Department has issued orders for the establishment of money order offices at Tallassee, Northport, Rutledge and York Station in this State. Marion Standard: We learn that Mrs. John Ratliff, while returning from Pinetucky to her home, on Thursday evening, was struck by lightning and killed. Evergreen News: The American Telegraph Company has a force of hands at work in this vicinity, putting up the poles and wires for their line from Montgomery to Mobile. Tuscaloosa Times: S. S. Ford, a miner, was killed at Woodstock, on last Saturday night. He was shot through the head—a pistol being used, it is supposed—and died almost instantly. Tuskegee News: It is reported that cotton worms are in different portions of the county, in large numbers, and that they are doing much damage to the crop. They are being poisoned by arseny. Talladega Mountain Home: The corn crop in this county will be short, notwithstanding we have had fine seasons of late. So far the cotton weed is flourishing, and the yield promises to be good. Wilcox News: Our farmers, who have been wishing for rain, were gratified with a fine shower this week.—We fear the caterpillars are to follow, as they have been discovered in several places in the county since the rain. Eufaula Times: We are told that when the proper official approached the cells of the Clayton jail, last Sunday morning, at the usual hour for breakfasting his guests, he found every door unlocked and all the prisoners gone. Troy Messenger: A subscription for the erection of a female college in this city is being circulated. About \$4,000 have already been subscribed, and the prospect is certain that an ample fund can be raised to secure the enterprise. Wedowee Journal: Two sons of Mr. Tillison, who resides near Saxton Bridge, this county, were struck and killed by lightning one night recently. The occurrence was unknown to the family until next morning, when they were found dead in bed. Bibb Blade: On last Saturday night, at Green Pond, Mr. Ford was killed by a shot in the forehead. On account of suspicious circumstances, three brothers by the name of Tidwell were arrested, and after preliminary trial were committed to the Tuscaloosa jail. Scottsboro Citizen: A little son of Mr. Daniel Townsend, of Greasy Cove, was playing with an old rusty pistol, which was thought to be unloaded, a few days ago, when it was discharged, the ball penetrating the brain of a younger brother just above an eye, producing death instantly. Linden Reporter: Three negroes were brought from Spring Hill to the jail here last Friday, charged with drowning an infant. After these parties had been arrested, an infant was found in a well near where they lived. The child had a rock attached to its neck, and was found by its feet sticking out of the water. Montgomery Advertiser: In the Chicago Tribune we find an account of the arrest of three negroes in a certain county in this State, charged with robbing graves for the purpose of getting human bones to wear as charms. We had not heard it through our exchanges, and do not know whether the statement is true or not. Whosoever would be sustained by the hand of God should constantly lean upon it; whosoever would be defended by it should patiently repose himself under it. God way cast down, but he will never cast off his own whom he did foreknow.

Ministers' Pledge.

The following pledge was presented to the Convention in Greenville, and cheerfully signed by every minister present. "We whose names are hereto subscribed, as pastors of Baptist churches in Alabama, hereby agree to present the claims and take up collections periodically in our charges, or at such times as may be esteemed most convenient for the various objects cherished by our State Convention, viz: State Missions and ministerial education, and for the objects of the Southern Baptist Convention, viz: Home and Foreign Missions, and to report results to the Board of State Missions." S. Henderson, E. T. Winkler, T. H. Stout, J. S. Paulin, L. N. Sims, A. L. Martin, J. W. Tobey, W. H. Patterson, G. B. Eager, J. L. West, W. C. Cleveland, E. F. Baber, W. S. Rogers, E. J. Forester, N. Williams, J. Shackelford, B. Riley, J. C. Wright, Joe Howard, J. G. McCaskey, Z. D. Roby, P. L. Moseley, W. B. Crumpton, W. C. Vann, W. Uphaw, J. H. Fendley, I. U. Wilkes, J. M. Fortune, J. Bruner, J. H. Hendon, B. W. Williams, W. A. Cumbie, S. Moore, Z. A. Owens, J. W. Dickinson, J. M. Langston, J. A. Mitchell, I. Spencer, W. E. Lloyd, S. O. V. Ray, I. L. Taylor, J. L. Sampsy, G. E. Mize, D. Rogers, A. B. Woodfin, J. H. Ray, N. B. Williams, W. G. Curry, W. H. DeWitt, I. T. Tichenor, J. J. DeLo, J. D. Cook, J. M. Phillips, J. S. Renfro, A. T. Sims, B. J. Crampton, J. L. Stockton, W. F. Kane, M. T. Sumner, J. F. Hildes, L. R. Galtway, W. H. McIntosh, B. J. Skinner. This list will remain in the columns of our paper for several weeks, and I call upon all Baptist ministers in Alabama, who were not present at the Convention, and who are willing to sign this pledge and carry it out, to forward to me their names on a postal card, that they may be added to the list. T. M. BAILEY, Cor. Sec'y. Marion, Ala., July 20.

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At a meeting at the Baptist church, July 18th, the following resolutions were adopted: Resolved, 1st, That in Bro. F. we recognize a teacher of marked ability. He came to us as a stranger, but by his upright walk and dignified and manly bearing, he won the confidence and esteem of the entire community. He entered at once into the Sabbath-school, where he was characterized by great faithfulness. Resolved 2nd, That we recommend him everywhere as a faithful and successful worker in his profession. Resolved 3rd, That we tender to him our most hearty appreciation for his efforts with us, both as a school teacher and church worker. R. A. ARMSTRONG, Com. W. L. KIMBLE, Secy.

MARRIED.

Near Belleville, July 22, by Eld. I. Spencer, Mr. James L. Thompson to Miss S. L. Kyser, all of Conecuh Co., Ala.

Mrs. Elizabeth G. Williams.

DAMASCUS CHURCH. Butler Co., Ala., July 21, 1880. A noble sister Elizabeth G. Williams, was born in Pike county, Ga., and at the age of about twenty years, she made a confession and joined the Methodist church, but soon became dissatisfied on the subject of baptism, and on the 7th of July, 1857, she united with the Baptist church at this place, while Bro. W. A. Avant was conducting a protracted meeting. She was an efficient deaconess up to the time of her death. Her faith was strong, her moral was clear until her decease. She died on the 15th of July, 1880, in the forty-ninth year of her age. She left a beloved husband, five children, and many friends to mourn her loss; but we trust that our loss is her eternal gain. Sister, thou wast mild and lovely, Gentle as the summer breeze, Pleasant as the air of evening, When it floats among the trees. Peaceful be thy silent slumber, Peace in the grave so low; Thou no more wilt join our number, Thou no more our songs shalt know. Dearest sister, thou hast left us, But 'tis God that hath bereft us; He can all our sorrows heal. Yet again we hope to meet thee, When the day of life is fled, Then in heaven with joy to greet thee, Where no farewell part is shed. S. F. ANDREWS, D. C. ROGERS, J. HARRISON, Committee.

IN MEMORIAM.

After an illness of thirty-four days, Bro. George W. Long, of Huntsville, Russell Co., Ala., gently passed away from this experience of mingled pleasure and trouble to the glory world. He had borne the cross; God took him to crown him. He was born in the town of New Hope, Sept. 25, 1825, and moved with his father to Uchee, Ala., in his twenty-fifth year. In October, 1850, he married Miss M. S. Johnson, of Uchee, who, when he lived, was a constant joy to his life. He was baptized into the fellowship of God's Holy Church in 1854, by Dr. Arch. Battle. Bro. Long was industrious, and a prompt business, and built up a handsome fortune for those loved ones left behind him. He was a most devoted husband and father. As a Christian, he was devoted to his church and denominational faith. In the support of his church, his pastoral benevolent enterprises, his liberality abounded. He was ever the hearty supporter of his father in his enterprises for the development of his church. His family, his church and his country have suffered a seemingly irreparable loss in his death, and yet we know that the Lord makes no mistakes. Even so we can say in this trying hour, "Even so Father, for so hast thou decreed, when thy right hand was upon him for strength and comfort." PASTOR.

OBITUARY.

Nicholas William Prince, son of Edmond M. Prince, was born in Chatham Co., N. C., May 10th, 1816. In 1839 his father removed from North Carolina and settled near LaGrange, Ala. After living some time there Mr. P. removed and settled on Spring Hill, in the middle east of Demopolis, Marengo Co., and in Dec., 1856, he settled in the city of Tuscaloosa. During these periods the subject of this notice had been sent to different schools, then to Wake Forest Manual Labor Institute, Wake Forest, N. C., where he pursued his studies and worked in ditching and cleaning out a creek, in clearing and cultivating the lands belonging to the College. While here he contracted religion and joined the Baptist church. This church was composed chiefly of the professors and students. He was elected and ordained to the office of deacon, in which capacity he served as long as he continued at Wake Forest. In 1856 he left Wake Forest and entered the University of N. C. at Chapel Hill, where he pursued his studies about two years and then joined his father's family in Tuscaloosa. Soon after coming to Tuscaloosa he entered the store of Smith & Prince, as clerk. He continued in this service until the store was dissolved. He then taught school in his father's family. In Nov., 1850, he was married to Miss Mary Hill Foster, daughter of James Foster, Esq., of Foster's Forest Manual Labor Institute. He continued in his father's family, some time after his marriage. He settled in Marengo county not far from Demopolis and engaged in farming, in which business he succeeded. He was an efficient and successful deacon of Spring Hill Baptist church. After remaining here a few years, he removed to Foster's Forest, where he was an efficient and successful deacon of Grant's Creek church. After the close of the late war, he, with many others, was dissatisfied with the condition of affairs and after several years he removed with his family and settled in Orange county, Florida, near Lake Apopka. Here, with his characteristic energy, he went to work to repair, to some extent, his lost fortune. His health failed him and from some months before his death, he was a sufferer, physically and mentally. He departed this life, after being almost helpless for about two years. He was a man of sufficient means, and was always patiently resigned to his Master's will. Often said he was ready and willing to die when it pleased God to call him. When asked by his wife what he wanted, he said, "I want to be at rest," and other time he said, "I want to depart out of this life." His eldest son in writing to his brother, says: "Ma asked him one day, not long before he died, if he did not wish to be at rest? He answered that he did not want to rest like he meant, but that he wanted to be at rest forever." He died Monday, about 11 p. m., Aug. 7th. "He died very quietly and gradually, and had been entirely unconscious for several days. For several months before he died he hardly knew anything, except at short intervals. He generally knew his children, but could not converse rationally on any subject, he calmly attacked his brain and produced hopeless imbecility." He was, previous to his becoming diseased, of a strong, active, energetic mind. He was able and gifted in prayer, and sometimes in church and associational meetings, he was very fluent in exhortation, scrupulously conscientious, he was quick to discern the right, and faithful to maintain it. He was an earnest worker for the cause of his Master, of affairs and after several years he removed to the support of the Gospel in his own church and far and wide. He was for many years a bright man. He had a family, somewhat scattered, his companion, three sons and one daughter, and their families, in Florida, one son and family in Alabama, and one daughter and family in Texas, besides numerous relatives and friends scattered all over the Southern States. May the blessings of him who dwelt in the bush rest with them all. "Thou art gone to the grave, but we will not deplore thee. Sister, thy Ransom, thy Guardian, thy Guide. He gave thee, he took thee, and he will restore thee; And with hath no sting since the Saviour hath died." HIS FORMER PASTOR. Mrs. Matilda B. Collins. This dear sister, the faithful companion of our wayward and afflicted brother, Key Jones A. Collins, died at her home near Oppewell, St. Clair Co., Ala., about the middle of June, 1880. To give prominence to the name of woman for her ordinary notice, subject the writer at once to a certain, yet merited eulogy. But who more deserves such notice than one who fully and faithfully sustains, through life, the truest relations of daughter, wife and mother? What thought is grander than that suggested by these relations? No other relation in life, perhaps, requires more industry, wisdom and patience. And who knows better how all these relations were filled, than a husband and children and parents? Our sister was born April 14, 1819, at Montevallo, Shelby Co., Ala. She was brought up and trained by Presbyterian parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ware. This was accounted a privilege for her, as she was of the Sabbath day which showed itself in so many ways during her life. For, he and she to the credit of these brethren, they teach their children partly observe the holy days. She was married to Key A. Collins, on August 30, 1839. By her new relations, more light was received on the differences between Baptists and Presbyterians—differences of no great moment by the way, arising from human and not from divine will, and under this new light and with new reading, she became, finally, a Baptist. Our departed sister was a pious Christian lady, a faithful companion, and an affectionate mother. She loved music with all her passion, was always singing, even during her sickness, till a few hours before her breathing her final breath. "The righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance." To our dear Bro. Collins and the motherless family, we offer sincere sympathies. W. Benjamin M. Friday. This noble young man died near Planterville, Ala., July 2nd, 1880, aged nearly 33 years. He joined the Baptist church at Planterville, 1856, and lived a devoted Christian up to his death. He left this world without spot or blemish on his character. He leaves no enemies, but many friends, relatives and his dear old mother whom he has supported by the sweat of his brow for several years, to mourn his loss. He leaves no wife or children; but at the hour of midnight when nothing is to be heard but the rucksells fall tick, somebody lies in her chamber and thinks to herself, Oh! not asleep yet, and again wipes the tears away that flow down her beautiful cheeks. But, dear old mother and fair young lady, remember that He has gone from a world of pain and woe. Gone from death, from sin's alloy, Gone from temptation's wiles, and oh! Gone, gone from grief to endless joy. D. C. G. In Memory of Departed Worth. Sister Fannie Melton, wife of Deacon A. H. Melton, of Central church, Jefferson Co., Ala., was born Sept. 30, 1819; baptized about A. D. 1839, and was married Sept. 15, 1825, and died January 6, 1880. She left a husband, a large family of grown children, numerous grand children, her church and a large circle of relatives and loving friends to mourn her absence from our midst, at a great loss to us. Sister Melton, while living, was a true Christian, her motherly, her church and her country have suffered a seemingly irreparable loss in her death, and yet we know that the Lord makes no mistakes. Even so we can say in this trying hour, "Even so Father, for so hast thou decreed, when thy right hand was upon him for strength and comfort." PASTOR.

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THE FAMILY CIRCLE.

The Children.

POEM FOUND IN THE DESK OF CHARLES DICKENS AFTER HIS DEATH.

When lessons and tasks are all ended, And the school for the day is dismissed, And the little ones gather around me, To bid me "good-night," and be kissed.

O the little white arms that encircle My neck in a tender embrace! O the smiles that are halos of heaven, Shedding sunshine and love on my face!

And when they are gone I sit dreaming Of my childhood, too lovely to last; Of love that my heart will remember When it wakes to the pulse of the past.

And the fountain of feeling will flow, When I think of the path strewn and stony, Where the feet of the dear ones must go; Of the mountains of sin hanging o'er them, Of the tempests of fate blowing wild— O there's nothing on earth half so holy As the innocent heart of a child.

They are idols of hearts and of household, They are angels of God in disguise— His sunlight sleeps in their tresses, His glory still beams from their eyes— O those traits from earth and from heaven, They have made me more manly and mild, And I know how Jesus could liken The kingdom of heaven to a child.

Seek not a life for the dear ones, All radiant as others have done, But that life may have just as much shadow To temper the glare of the sun. I would pray God to guard them from evil, But my prayer would bound back to myself, Ah! I scruple may pray for a sinner, But a sinner must pray for himself.

The twig is so easily bent, I have banished the rule and the rod; I have taught them the goodness of knowledge, They have taught me the goodness of God. My heart is a dungeon of darkness, Where I shut them for breaking a rule; My frown is sufficient correction, My love is the law of the school.

I shall leave the old house in the autumn, To traverse its threshold no more; Ah! how I shall grieve for the dear ones That meet me each morn at the door. I shall miss the "good-night" and the kisses, And the gauze of their innocent gleams; The group on the green, and the flowers That are brought every morning to me.

I shall miss them at morn and at eve, Their song in the school and the street; I shall miss the low hum of their voices, And the tramp of their delicate feet. When the lessons and tasks are all ended, And Death says the school is dismissed, May the little ones gather around me, And bid me "good-night," and be kissed.

J. T. Trowbridge's Youth.

John Townsend Trowbridge, although in all his characteristics a typical New Englander, is a native of New York State, and did not come to New England until about a month before his legal manhood was reached. His father, however, Windsor Stone Trowbridge, was a New Englander, having been born in Framingham, in this State. He was brought up from boyhood by a farmer in New York State, and settled in the town of Ogden, eight miles south of Rochester, where he cut down the trees, built a log house, and cleared away the woods for a farm. In this log house the eighth child, the subject of this sketch, was born on September 18, 1827, six months before a new frame house was built. That part of New York having been settled by New Englanders, the native stock is as pure Yankee as exists in the old Bay State. The leading traits of parents are manifest in some of Mr. Trowbridge's most marked literary characteristics. His father had a strong passion for music, and was locally celebrated as a capital story teller. He often amused his children with tales in rhyme. His mother had a sensitive temperament, was deeply devotional and energetic in character. As a boy, Mr. Trowbridge lived the usual country life, going to school until he was fourteen years old, for six months in the year, and after that, working on the farm in the summer. He was always fond of reading, and he learned more out of school than in. He taught himself to read and translate French before he was fifteen years old, and also attempted Latin and German without a teacher. From a public library he obtained the works of Scott and Byron, which impressed him so powerfully that, while at work in the field, he planned novels and composed rhymes. His active authorship began at sixteen, when he wrote verses and prose articles for rural journals. At the age of seventeen he spent a term at a classical school in Lockport, taught his sister in Illinois, taught school one winter, tried farming for a season, and then, returning to Lockport, taught school for a term. At the age of nineteen he set out to seek his fortune as a writer in New York City. Major Noah introduced him to publishers with whom he found a market for some of his literary wares, one magazine paying him at the rate of a dollar a printing page. An article which he sent to The Knickerbocker was accepted and soon printed, but his only pay was a note of thanks; that and the "name" being the unsubstantial recompense of young contributors. So the young author had lost time. He was often referred to last loaf, which he would carry to his attic lodging on Broadway listening, while he ate it, to the music of a band in the distance who engraved gold pencil cases for a manufacturer in Jersey city, thus earning a little money. But this work gave out, and for a time he enjoyed the hospitality of a kindly French family, with whom he profited by practicing the languages and reading many French novels. His writing for the press, meanwhile, gave him hardly enough to pay his board bills, and in August, 1848, he came to Boston on a visit, and decided to make his home there, as it provided a better market for his stories and sketches, which at that time were written under the name of "Paul Creyton."—Boston Herald.

Matt, the Idiot Boy.

A lady wandering along the seacoast of an English watering-place, observed a boy intently gazing up at a small place between the clouds. Drawing close to him, she said, "What are you looking at, my boy?" The child made no answer. "Boy," said she, shaking him gently by the sleeve, "what are you doing?" The boy sighed, rubbed his eyes, shaded them, looked up again, and said with earnestness, "Matt was looking for God. Matt wants to see God." The clouds closed, and, as if to comfort himself for the disappointment, he said in a more cheerful tone, "Matt shall see God some day." At this time a little girl ran out of a cottage, calling out, "Matt, come home; dinner is ready." The lady looked at the girl, and being asked to walk in, she learned that she was an orphan, about thirteen years of age, living with an aunt and grandfather. After this she often called, and one day found the old man ill. The clergyman in shortly afterwards came in, and read the eighteenth of Matthew. When he came to the parable of the "king that would take account of his servants," Matt's attention became riveted. When he had finished, Matt turned to him earnestly, saying, "Parson, read more." Mr. Green began to relate the parable thus: "A great king said (and may pay me all upward), bring me my servants to me, and I will make them all as pounds that they owe me. And they brought one servant that owed ten thousand pounds—a great man, a great man! And he had no pound to pay; and the king said, he shall be put in prison, and never come out until he pay me all the money he owes." The tears trickled down the poor boy's cheeks; his countenance showed great alarm, and rushing to the beach, he threw himself down and wept piteously. The next day the lady found him again in his usual attitude, looking up; and not until she noticed him did he notice her. "What is Matt doing?" she asked. "Matt was talking to God," he replied. "What did poor Matt say?" "The boy joining hands, looking up with a piteous expression of submission and fear, and said, "Good God, Matt has no money to pay!" And then shaking his head, he told her, with the deepest emotion, that he was going to be put in prison; God was going to put Matt in prison. The lady, taking both his hands to fix his attention, said cheerfully, "Jesus Christ has paid for poor Matt. Jesus Christ has paid all for Matt." "Man that paid—man that paid—Matt says thank you, thank you!" The grandfather died, and Matt was told that he went to God, and that God would soon send for him also. This took such possession of Matt's mind that he would ask his new step, and have his hands washed, that he might be ready when God would send for him. "God would send for Matt some day," he repeated softly; "perhaps it would be to-day, and Matt must be ready; Matt must always be ready."

Help Your Mothers, Boys.

We know a very noble and influential man who used to help his mother by scouring knives and forks every day before he went to school, and wiping dishes as well. It would do our boys good to know how to sweep, to sew, and be helpful about the house. No boy ever lightened too much his mother's daily duties. The more of a girl's gentleness he combines with a boy's strength, the nobler man he will become. Be polite to your mother; lift your hat to her, open the gate for her, bring a chair for her, save steps for her, be proud of her.

Windom or Whisky.

BY W. H. BISHOP.

It may be useless to say anything about it, Romulus, for young men are apt to think that they have more of the wisdom of a Solomon upon such subjects; but possibly you may soon be called upon to decide whether you will devote your life to the work of filling your head with wisdom or of filling your stomach with whisky, and if my advice does you no good, I shall at least have the satisfaction of having freed my mind and my conscience in your behalf. It is true that some men manage to get along through life without a superabundance of either whisky or wisdom; but while these have the fool sense to avoid the one, they have not the wit to seek the other, and die as they deserve, ignoramus. But as you, Romulus, have enough of that native sense called mother-wit, to prevent you from sticking in the mud when there is a rope at hand, one end of which is fast upon the solid ground, I trust that you have also enough to not only appreciate wisdom, but to call her in when she stands begging upon your door-step. If you do not at the same time commit the unpardonable blunder of supposing that wisdom and whisky will mingle, and that you can enter the one in the parlor, while the other is making free with your ladder, you may get along without the gratuitous advice of a well meaning scribbler. But if, like many young men who set themselves up as monuments of sense, you decide that whisky is the pleasantest and most profitable guest, and should receive the highest honors, let me tell you, with tears in my eyes, that you are making a fatal mistake, and that you are in danger of losing even the slight acquaintance which wisdom has accorded to you. Wisdom and whisky will not hob-nob with each other any more than fire and water will mix. When these are introduced to each other, either the fire goes out or the water goes off in a jet, and so it is with wisdom. Either she must reign supreme or there is trouble in the household, and a vacant chair at the fireside.

And, Romulus, my dear fellow, you will put money into your purse, happiness into your home, and the record of well-earned honors upon your tombstone when at last you die, if you eschew whisky and choose wisdom. In the game of life wisdom is the little joker which wins all of the honors, while whisky never yet won anything for anybody. Wisdom will boost you up the persimmon tree, and point out to you the ripest clusters, while whisky will pull you down with the strength of a hundred pound bulldog tugging at your coat-tails. Wisdom will crown you with laurel; but whisky will only clothe you in a donkey's skin, and will then be the first to shout ha-ha. Wisdom will help you in any road you choose to travel; but whisky will help you in no road, except the road to the devil. If you want wealth, wisdom will turn over for you the stones under which it is hid; but whisky never yet made a man rich, unless he could find an army of fools, for whom he could turn the spigot. If you want honor, wisdom will buy it for you in open market; but you will never find it in barrels, even if you spend a fortune in the search. If you want happiness, wisdom will furnish it to you, and will see that you are not cheated in the goods; while whisky will palm off upon you a spurious article, which only a fool would accept. No one ever yet struck a balance sheet with whisky after a long and intimate business acquaintance, but found himself bankrupt in morals, in honors, and happiness, as well as in wealth.

Wherefore, Romulus, it behooves you to be discreet in your choice of the W's. The one which stands for wisdom will double your wealth, your pleasure and your credit; the other will double you up.—Church and Home.

A False Ideal of Sunday-School Teaching.

We have observed in some Sunday school classes an objectionable practice. This is particularly common among the "Bible-classes," or those which consist of grown-up persons. It is this. Instead of being taught by the teacher, the lesson is made a topic for debate, argument and controversy. Now, this may be a means of sharpening the temper and the wits of those engaged in it. But there is no "edification" in it, and no "teaching" in the right sense of the word. It makes the word of God merely a ring for the display of forensic, pugilistic skill. In every class, there should be a teacher competent to teach. And the scholars should be willing to be taught. Of course, there should be denunciations, whether in teacher or pastor. But such a teacher, or pastor, should not be there. The work of a Bible class is too solemn and sacred to be turned a debating society. Spiritual profit disappears in vain jangling, when all the members of the class turn teachers. "Beloved, be not many teachers," says the wisdom of God. "Let all things be done to edifying."—Christian Secretary.

The First Watch.

At first the watch was about the size of a dessert plate. It had weights, and was used as "a pocket clock." The earliest known use of the modern name occurs in the record of 1252, which mentions that Edward VI. had "one-lane or watch of iron, the case being likewise of iron gilt, with two glass windows." The first watch may readily be supposed to have been of rude execution. The first great improvement—the substitution of springs for weights—was in 1560. The earliest springs were not coiled, but only straight pieces of steel. Early watches had only one hand, and being wound up twice a day they could not be expected to keep the time nearer than fifteen or twenty minutes in twelve hours. The dials were of silver or brass, the cases had no crystal, but opened at the back and front, and were four or five inches in diameter. A plain watch cost more than \$1,500, and after one was ordered it took a year to make it.

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How is it that two died, who were never born, Genesis 1: 26-27, and 5: 7? and two born that never died, Genesis 2: 24; 2 Kings 2: 11; Hebrews 12: 5? and the oldest man that ever lived died before his father did, Genesis 5: 27.—J. A. M.

FARM AND HOUSEHOLD.

A Good Plan For a Fence.

A most substantial and economical rail fence has been in use on the farms in Williamson county, Tenn., of Mr. R. G. Buchanan, of Frankfort. It is his own invention, if such we may call it, and very simple. He digs a hole two feet deep with a patent digger, inserts a locust post long enough that five feet of it will be above ground. Then he inserts a sharpened stick or small post close to the other. These are alternated on the sides of the principal posts which are in a straight line, giving a very little lap. By having the space narrow rails may be built edge-wise. The posts must be confined by a wire. This fence has proven most efficient. No patent right is to be paid for. We trust our patrons who are short will give it a trial.—Dixie Farmer.

Sorghum for Feed.

"I have been using it on a small scale for several years, and feeding to mules in the fall up to say November. Last year I raised 5 acres; commenced feeding to mules in September, fed from that time up to the present I would say about fifty head of stock the entire season. I have not had the loss I made one estimate of, and it stood just before cutting, and there was 45 tons to the acre. It is difficult to cure it, and, if left in the shock, it sours and is not so valuable as when fresh and sweet; still the stock eat it very well. I drilled it with your wheat drill set for drilling wheat 1 1/2 bushels to the acre; can put it any distance you like apart—I mean the rows,—mine was 32 inches; think 40 would be best; and if the land is not strong, set drill 1 bushel to the acre would be better."—Correspondent American Farmer.

Dry Cows.

It is a common practice among dairymen to give their cows, when dry, but scanty living. When a cow ceases to give milk, or is dried up, any feed is considered good enough for her. I think this is a great mistake, and the result is a diminished product of milk, both in quantity and quality, when she does come in. There is a large draught on the system to sustain the calf while the cow is carrying it; and to keep the cow in good condition good feed is as important as when she is giving milk. It is my opinion that one dollar's worth of food when the cow is dry is worth one and a half after she comes in. An animal in poor condition cannot digest as much food as an animal in good condition. If the cow is poor when she comes in she will not digest enough food to support the system, and, at the same time, to make a large quantity of milk.—Monthly Bulletin of the American Jersey Cattle Club.

The Outlook for the Farmer.

A valued friend writing us a private letter from one of the middle counties of Alabama says: "Farm pursuits are steadily improving here—new crops introduced, better implements used, better culture practiced, and far greater value attached to fertilization. But for crop lien laws and other drawbacks, that could be relieved by legislation, our section would move forward with quickened gait." These are the observations of one of the most enlightened gentlemen of the State, and they speak the conclusions of every intelligent observer of the condition of this country. We are on rising ground, there is no doubt about that. There is hopefulness, more energy, more of the spirit of inquiry and progress among the farmers of Alabama than there has been since the war. We need some help from legislation, and particularly in the matter of crop lien laws, but the promise of the future is in the spirit of improvement and progress which is abroad in the land. We want better systems of farm economy, better cultivation, better breeds of live stock, better farming implements, to make a prosperous agriculture, and it is because we discover a movement in these directions that we are hopeful of the future."—Ala. Farm Journal.

Humor.

There's an old Baptist dorky in Hart county, Ky., known as Tom Wood. A Methodist D. also lives near Tom, and when the two meet the former twits Tom about his close communion. On a recent occasion they met, and the Doctor thought he'd put Tom in a tight place, so he said, "Uncle Tom, you may as well settle that communion question as at any other time. As you won't commune with us here I want to know what you Baptists are going to do with the Methodists, Presbyterians and the rest of us when we all get to heaven?" Uncle Tom scratched his head a while and then, looking at the Doctor in the eye, said firmly, but deliberately—"I tell you what it is, Doctor, these'n gwine there." The Methodist dominie subsided.

Sir James Mackintosh invited Dr. Parr to take a ride in his gig. The horse became restless. "Gently, Jimmy," says the Doctor, "don't irritate him; always soothe your horse, Jimmy. You'll do better without me. Let me down, Jimmy." Once on terra firma, the Doctor's view of the case changed. "Now, touch him up, Jimmy. Never let a horse get the better of you. Touch him up, conquer him, don't spare him; and now, I'll leave you to manage him—I'll walk back."

Planning Houses.

The planning of houses is left almost entirely to men, and most women are content to have it so, and to look upon the whole question of domestic architecture as one with which they have nothing to do. But if women will follow this subject and have intelligent and practical ideas on the subject, they will find it in their suggestions would be of great value to architects, and doubtless result in an increase of health and household comfort. "The wise woman buildeth her house." Taking this in a literal sense, every woman who is "wise" will be able to plan her house so that she will find it pleasant to live in. The ordinary way of building a house is to decide how much money can be put into it, then what its size shall be, and then how it shall be cut up into rooms. The reverse is the proper method. The sitting room or family room should first be determined on, and radiate. Each family will naturally press its own individuality upon the house it lives in. Every woman has her own way of doing house-work; and if she is able to plan her house, she will arrange its conveniences in such a way as to make it easy for her to go through the ordinary routine with the least possible friction. She will not be likely to forget to put closets in sleeping rooms, as the architect of Vassar College and out of the house; she will plan her pantry and kitchen and dining-room as to bring her work pass, and make the greatest saving of steps while doing it. She will not have the two or three stair-steps from the kitchen into the wood house that

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Will Subsoiling Pay in the South?

Writers frequently recommend subsoiling in the preparation of land as being very profitable, but it is my opinion that they have arrived at such a conclusion more from theoretical considerations than from practical experience. Where land is very scarce, and its products sell for a high price, I have no doubt subsoiling will prove to be profitable in a majority of cases; but where land is plentiful, as in the cotton region, I think it would be unprofitable business. I have made a considerable number of experiments on a stiff clay (all on a small scale) running through nineteen years, from 1861 to 1879, and I was very decidedly convinced that it would not only not pay to subsoil, but was a losing business. In order to subsoil as recommended by Mr. T. J. Finnie in his excellent communication, the number of acres must be curtailed at least one-half, and, according to my experience, it would not add more than one-eighth to the increase of production on the subsoil land—in my experiments, taking several years together, a good deal less. There is not much advantage to be gained by stirring the clay, unless it is brought to the surface by the turnplow and subjected to the action of the sun and atmosphere. Eight inches should be the minimum depth to commence with, and if the soil is very thin, the furrow-slice should be left at an angle of forty-five degrees, and this depth should not be increased till the farmer goes through with one rotation of crops, when it should be turned two to four inches deeper, as the circumstances may seem to require. In this way it is very profitable to stir the clay, especially where a rotation of crops is adopted, with the view of adding a great deal of vegetable matter to the soil. By keeping farm animals off the farm and incorporating all the vegetable matter with the soil, land can thus be improved very satisfactorily, which I know from actual experience. Farmers ought to save all the manure that they can consistently, but the judicious use of good commercial fertilizers in connection with home manures will be found to pay a handsome profit.—Planter's Journal.

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