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For the Alahama Baptist.

The Evils of Fashion

By a vote of our Sunday-school ntion you are requested to pub ish the following essay, read by Mrs Sue E. Baker at the recent session of that body, held in the town of Pickensville, Sept. 6th, 1884.

W. G. ROBERTSON, Sec'y. We are compelled to admit that it is necessary to conform to the dictates of Fashion to a certain extent. We would exert any influence for good, "While in Rome, let us do as Rome does," so far as is consistent with

of the fact that the inordinate love of in trying to excel in dress, will be a luxuries, we find ourselves calculating was selected.

worshipers at the shrine of Fashion, than earnest, humble suppliants at the throne of God. We fear there are some who are more frequently engaged in perusing the pages of Demorest, Erich, the Delineator, etc., than in treasuring up those precious truths of the Bible, which teach us how our immortal souls must be clothed, before we are fitted to appear in the presence of an immaculate Saviour.

adornings!

heart is neglected; and the small por- love of all with whom she is association of time allotted us in which to | ted. prepare for eternity, is frittered away in arraying the body, which must soon die in flimsy finery, that pleases for a moment and passes away with all other transitory objects.

We should remember the first commandment, and, not here, in a gospel land, live the life of a Pagan. Worship at the altar of our Lord Jesus; and bow not at the shrine of that dazzling, deceptive flattering goddess,

God has kindly endowed us with the faculty of appreciating the beautiful; and in the contemplation of the beauties of nature, there is exquisite pleasure. As we look around us, we can exclaim with the poet,

"World, thou art beautifully dressed!" How worthy of adoration the being who has given us the dwelling place, clothed in such grandeur and beauty

We are the workmanship of a wise Creator; and it is an indication of base ingratitude to neglect these bodies which he has so highly honored as to create them in his own image. In a word, it is our dutyand certainly a pleasurable duty-to dress in a tasteful and becoming manner, which naturally suggests itself to a lady or gentleman of cultivation

or refinement. It is simply impossible to possess a high appreciation of the beautiful objects of nature; the soft, fleecy clouds, find they are actually influencing the glossy plumage of the birds, the rich, velvety wings of the butterfly, 'the delicate pink shells of the seashore, the gorgeously hued flowers, the variously tinted leaves of autumn; and still be regardless of personal appearance. These are perfect models to assist us in the artistic arrangement of colors, gems and flowers.

We will certainly exert a more salutary influence upon those by whom we are surrounded in rendering our- will eat no meat while the world selves as attractive as possible in every respect, under all circumstances. We can think of no brighter illustration than that of Queen Esther. Al parel, and, with queenly dignity and ple! How it would fill our souls ply them? Her heart would certainly grace, appeared before the king. Her with joy, to know that by making be filled with peace and joy; and who lovely face was lit up with a spiritual some sacrifice we had been instru- can tell how many stars this little beauty which was indeed irresistible. mental in the salvation of souls. The king was fascinated. His heart the happy privilege! was touched. He held out the golden sceptre and her people were saved.

be actuated by the purest motives, they are in very straightened circumlest we be drawn into the whirlpool of stances now, and she never goes out." vanity, which is contemptible and in This is more frequently the case in which is often sacrificed honor, prin- town than in the country; in the city

ciple, everything. completely absorbed in the fashion of tion. What may we infer from this? her ribbons and drapery! and, infer- Why, that it is a fashionable, aristoring from her conversation, all for the cratic church, and the poor, who can sole purpose of captivating and secur-ing admirers. Oh! the sinfulness and away. Perhaps her love for God and faithful adherence to duty will good music, pretty pictures. Give the tion" by substituting "recapitulation" folly of such a course! How unfitted may so elevate her thoughts above be rewarded. sponsibilities of life! We pity the into the holy sanctuary where the blessing provided realistics of life! sponsibilities of life! We pity the into the holy sanctuary where the blessing, provided we can shun its make companions of your children, man who is deceived by this false around one common mercy seat. But headed, and scarcely to be avo outside show; however, it is generally how is she often treated? Surely her the shallow-minded fop, the fashion- sensitive soul will not receive a stab able loafer, who is drawn into the in this holy place! The lady of fash- world is plain truth,- Bulwer,

consequences. If one of these would- ion causes one thus to act, be leaders of fashion sees any one certainly a great evil so far as more stylishly dressed than she, oh, how her breast rankles with envy and lealousy! Her sorrows are more inthe husband and children of such a ribbons, silks and satins and stylish ened as to render her incapable of that our thoughts and attention are her as wife and mother.

dress is a gigantic hindrance to the silly, iritable, disagreeable old woman. the probable cost, and wondering if progress of religion, that this subject In obeying the uncomfortable, and some poor father has not run in debt sometimes torturing caprices of fash- that his daughter may dress in the From what we see, as well as hear, ion, her frail body is worn out with latest style, in order to enable her to we are driven to the conclusion, hu- disease, which is but aggravated by occupy a place in fashionable society. miliating as it is, that there are more remorse. She is discontented and restless, and no one enjoys her soci- moral courage to resist these temptaety. What a sad contrast between tions! her and that sweet-faced, happylooking old lady, who has made dress stored her mind with useful knowledge, and strewn her pathway with is almost distracted in her mental efher countenance a beauty which the ance on the next Sabbath as her enwrinkles of age can never efface. By vied neighbor. The minister's ser-Oh! how much light, peace and joy | girl is drawn to her side, and old age | and prayed that it might reach some are sacrificed for the sake of outward | and youth hold sweet communion, | heart, falls upon many deaf ears. The for there is perfect congeniality of rustle of ribbons, silks and showy The cultivation of the mind and soul. She enjoys the respect and fans, drowns his voice, or rather dulls

> same, therefore Christ admonishes us in his sermon on the mount not to think too much about what we shall wear; but he says, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness." "The pearl of great price."

One of the inspired writers says: "Let your adorning be not that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, and of putwhich may lead our souls to ruin and ting on of apparel; but let it be the hidden man of the heart, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, ruffling and flouncing pretty dresses which is in the sight of God of great

right to clothe themselves in costly her young heart those sacred truths garments; to purchase the finest of which pertain to the salvation of her materials, and dress most elegantly. God himself loves dress; and we imagine our most costly robes can bear no comparison to the spotless purity and beauty of those worn by the angels of heaven.

of exciting envy, but simply to dress in a style befitting their stations, and leader of Fashion! Oh, mother, how in accordance with the dictates of a refined taste. Many such are pure, sincere Christians, and give liberally of their means for charitable purposes, for which God bless them; but some of their fellow-creatures for evil, and causing them to commit sin. Dear Sister of Wealth, dress more plainly, so that your stylish appearance may not so overawe some poor, weak sister as to hinder her from taking a seat by you in the house of God! Remember what Paul says: Eating meat offered to idols was meat cause my brother to offend, I stands." Oh, that we had more of the spirit of that noble, faithful Chrisso often pained by hearing sinners

We sometimes hear such expressions as the following: "She is a good In matters of dress, let us always woman and highly cultivated, but where the greater portion of our min-How painful to see a young lady isterial talent finds a permanent locais she to assume the cares and the re- her mean garments, that she ventures

cossamer net of this butterfly of fash- ion gives her a casual glance, and There are some women who seem the elite; I must not speak to her. It to have an unconquerable desire to might tarnish my reputation." Poor lead in fashionable display. A worthy worm of the dust! "Beware how ye is no respecter of persons. If Fashparticular person is concerned?

tense than any she ever felt on ac- certainly is demoralizing to make a count of her sins. How unfortunate display of our finery at church. Gay woman! Her conscience is so dead- bonnets, are so pretty and attractive performing the duties devolving upon almost irresistibly drawn towards them; and while we admire and earnof her time in reckless extravagance, which to gratify our taste for such

What a heroine is she who has the

Look at that lady who is not stylishly dressed as the one just in a secondary consideration! She has front of her. Her brow is contracted and she looks troubled. Perhaps she deeds of kindness! The conscious- forts to contrive some plan by which ness of a life well spent stamps upon she can make as genteel an appearspiritual magnetism, the pious boy or | mon, which he has carefully prepared, the sense of hearing. Vanity of vanities, saith the preacher, all is vanity Human nature has always been the Oh, that we could drive such vain trifling thoughts to the winds, and not so grossly insult our precious Redeemer! It is a desecration of the holy Sabbath: and it is only God's great forbearance and mercy that save us from instant destruction.

Does not the excessive love dress retard the progress of Sundayschool work? Perhaps some ambitious mother is so anxious for her little daughter to be well dressed, she spends so much of her time tucking, in which to array her body, that she has not a moment left in which to Persons of wealth certainly have a teach her the lesson and impress upon never-dying soul. What may that affectionate but mistaken mother expect to hear when her little one returns from Sabbath-school? "Mamma, had on the prettiest diess of any in the class; and, mamma, Annie Sexton Doubtless the majority of wealthy kept looking at my pretty sash. I do people who dress fine, have no thought love to be dressed finer than any, of making a display for the purpose body." What a sad commentary on the love of display! A miniature

May the Sabbath school, in which should be trained immortal souls for often, much to their surprise, they Christ, never prove to be for any of our dear ehildren an agent of destruction! Parents, superintendents, teachers, and all Christians should work together for the one prime object-the salvation of souls.

watchful, careful and prayerful should

we be in view of the magnitude of our

Perhaps there are some parents who would like to send their children to Sabbath school, but it is too humiliating to them and their little ones to go shabbily dressed, and so they nothing to him, but says he, "If eating remain at home. Perhaps a neat calico dress, a cheap hat and a pair of shoes may be all that are needed. Would it not be a Christian duty for some good sister to make a little sactian! Then our hearts would not be rifice; spend a little less for dress, and and girls when away from you, with a heart full of love, and a sincere expressing doubts as to the reality of desire to work for Jesus, go to that consistent! More devoted to princi- find out these simple needs and supdeed of kindness might add to her crown? Oh, that we all might be aroused to a sense of our duty! Let us dress within our means, but as neatly and becomingly as possible. "God looks upon the heart." If we can not appear at church or Sabbath school in such costly and stylish attire. as our wealthier neighbor, let us pray God that we may not be so foolishly proud as to deny ourselves the pleasure of uniting our voices in singing praises to our Creator, and of listen-

ing to his precious Word as it is pro-

A Good Meeting at Fayetteville.

BROTHER CATLETT SMITH.

The services lasted ten days, resulting in twenty-one accessions to the church-eighteen by baptism. Bro. Smith, from Goodwater, preached ten of the nineteen sermons. He is a good preacher. His leading gift is evangelistic. In a protracted meetneight of fashion at other places, it ing he is thoroughly consecrated. He spends no time in social glee. If you | happen to show him your old "thresh- T ing-floor" of twenty-five years' acquaintance, he will not say to you as lie David said to Araunah, "I will pay thee for it," but will "take it without price," and there make his offerings. fa which is indispensable to the highest hal success of comparatively young men the and beginners, I predict for Bro. Cat. on earth no more, you shall live in a bright future, especially so could then, and they shall rise up and he find some way of obtaining the call you blessed. God give us our iberal education which his gifts de

Bro. Renfroe was to aid us the first our Father's house." three days, till Monday, when Bro. Smith began, but was prevented by a threatened spell of fever on dear little Johnnie, Bro. Smith made many warm friends at Fayetteville, who desire to see and hear him again.

W. WILKES. Reflections on the Home-Lessons from David and Absalom.

BY WM, HENRY STRICKLAND.

No. 3. Notice lastly. David condoned Absalom's faults, Absalom was murderer. He had killed his own brother in cold blood, after letting the murderous intent rest in his bosom for many months. He ought to have presented in very concise form. been executed as a murderer. The record says: "David's soul was consumed with longings after Absalom' while Absalom was a fugitive from ustice, " for he was comforted concerning Amnon, seeing he was dead.' You are doing wrong toward your child when you refuse to hear, from truthful source, reports of his misdo ings. If neighbors warn you, does it offend you toward them? " A thank ess task to warn a parent of his child's even if it were, does this excuse us? are best calculated to develop high Many duties bring no thanks. That does not release us, however: We are our brother's keeper, and keepers of

each other's children, too. Why are parents the last ones t know of the errors and vices of their children? Because they are wilfully and purposely blind; they don't want alone; this brings about (b) the emto know and see these things. If parents will watch over their own children as they do their clerks, their alone cannot afford to employ a secservants, their neighbors' children, they are bound to know of their sins.

You may know by intuition and experience what they will do under certain environments. What did you as a girl or boy do, similarly situated? Put yourself in his or her place, let allurements and insinuations to evil come; how would you have withstood them? Would you, if left unaided, have fallen? So will thev.

quite a force of men were on the out, saying, "I can find the horse." horse home. " How did you find the rock where the horse was last seen. and I said, suppose, I was a horse. where would I go? I thought it out, then I went to that place and found him, and here he is." That sort of

Let me recapitulate. 1. Use your best influence in parriage of your children. If your daughter marries, "looking down," she will never be able to lift her husband up to her level.

ust go down for life. Parents can for them. do much to regulate this all-important question. Why should your daughter associate with persons of such social standings and characters marry? It is a dangerous experi- need \$300 within the next fifteen

disgraces break your hearts. Make ciations pay as speedily as practica-Make them more inviting than the received from Spring Hill Church boys parties. Make home so dear which rendered the statement uninwork to enjoy it. Fathers, mothers, though do not correct. invite their confidence and be fellows in their joys and sorrows.

3. Don't condone their offenses; correct them when they need it. For lier; superlative, Canada.

w the rod is a specific. No

has yet taken its place. has said, "Spare the rod the child;" the practice is to spoil the rod and child, and often rod and e both spoiled. The rod has tute, "Chastise thy son e is hope, and let not thy for his crying." "Train in the way he should go:" the three-year-old lies on kicking, screaming, yelling, of no means so potent with to "train it up" as a keen,

peach-tree switch. would not have this lament over your children, a lament their follies bring your gray wn with sorrow to the grave, ve for them, and when you are households unbroken when we meet to dwell in the "many mansions" o

Denominational Schools

Editor: At the recent session of the East Liberty Association the author of the following "Report on Education" was requested to furnish a copy for publication in the ALABAMA BATTIST. If you deem it worthy of ace in your columns the brethren of the East Liberty would be pleased to have you give it a place.

CLERK.

REPORT ON EDUCATION. desire to urge in this report some reasons why we should sustain space is limited what we offer will be

I. When sent from home our chil dren should go to our denominational

The moral influences of this class schools are better: because (a) the professors are all Christians; because (b) the local church has oversight of the cholars, and because (c) more church members are to be found among the scholars. These considerations and each of them is beyond dispute, go very far toward placing the scholar such influences as moral character.

2. We should send our children to our denominational schools because the intellectual training is better. This is evident because (a) our denominational schools are unendowed and depend for their existence on merit ployment of the best teaching talent for an institution depending on merit ond rate faculty. It is also evident that (c) the professors in such a school devote more time and attention to the pupils. A careful consideration of the above propositions will lead to the conclusion that our children receive better preparation for success in life at our denominational

schools than at other institutions. 3. Another reason—one worthy o most careful attention -- why we should A horse had strayed away, and patronize our denominational schools is found in the fact that infidelity is hunt; a half-witted simpleton turned excluded and faith in Christ governs. Infidelity grows more and more im-It was not long till he brought the pudent and it behooves Christian parents to guard their children against horse, Jack?" "Well, I sat down on a its deadly teachings. In our denominational schools the danger is vastly

diminished in this respect. II. We beg leave to say that Howard College for our boys and the Judson and the Central Institutes for our philosophy will be like a telescope on girls offer all the advantages outlined the young, immature, helpless boys above. These are Christian colleges; the faculties are lovers of Jesus Christ; moral as well as intellectual tamining is urgently insisted upon; the methods of instruction are of the most approved kinds. These institutions have done and are doing much for the denomination in Alabama, and If she looks down to marry she the denomination should do much W. C. BLEDSQE. LaFayette, Alabama.

Demopolia Church.

The body of the house is up and days to keep the work going. Will 2. Don't neglect the training of the Brethren who kindly subscribed your children, lest their sins and to the building at the various Assoyour homes bright, joyous, happy. | ble? Since my last statement I have club-room or the curb-stone or the \$11. In last week's statement your

> G. S. ANDERSON. Newberne, Ala., Oct. 7th, 1884. Positive, cash; comparative, cash-

AY, OCTOBER 16, 1884.

Alabama Baptist: At the close of short series of meetings, on the banks of the river Styx, in Baldwin county, we have to acknowledge the divine blessing in nineteen conversions. We baptised sixteen; the three others will be baptised the 3rd Sabbath in October. We feel that a spirit of zeal, love, and enthusiasm is awakened in this hitherto destitute portion of the Lord's vineyard, which will lead to greater things.

The people of this portion of Alabama are very poor in this world's goods, b t are as kindly at heart and as hospit ble as their wealthier breththe field should not be neglected Seed sown here will fall upon goodly soil, and precious souls are to be saved in retired portions, as well as in the most populous neighborhoods.

The educational advantages are almost none, and some are arranging to move into Escambia county, Fla. where the facilities are better.

The writer, feeling the lack of early education, and being burdened in his labors thereby, feels moved to thanks that he can now enjoy for his numerous family the benefits of a most excellent school, the doors of which have been kept open the year round.

The time has come when education is bread and meat and clothing, and the family that is allowed to grow up in ignorance will have a desperate struggle for existence.

A once servile race, having once formed the chief portion of the laboring people, have been clothed with the full powers and privileges of citia tremendous struggle for knowledge, assisted by the contribution of vast sums of money sent them from without, and denying themselves some times even proper food that their

children may be kept in school. I confess it is appalling to think of what might be the result if they succeed in becoming generally educated. and the same sluggish spirit, in re gard to education of their children which has so generally prevailed among the poorer white people, should continue to grow worse. The people of Escambia county are fully awake to the situation, and the quality of schools is rapidly improving.

W. A. SHELBY. Bold Spring, Ala., Sept. 27, 1884. Canaan Association.

Dear Bro. West: The Canaan As sociation has just closed its fifty-first session-the best during its life. It venerable moderator, Rev. A. J. Waldrop, has presided over about thirty five of its sessions. No man in the association bears the same relation to our people, nor do we feel so near and so tenderly toward any one else, as toward Bro. Waldrop. He is our father in Israel. Probably no other man living in Alabama, to-day, has done more for the advancment of our denominational interests than he. surely none in this section. For fifty years he has labored faithfully and arduously in this association, and what we are and have to-day, we owe to him more than to any one else. It was a real pleasure to our people to extend to him again a renewal of our

As stated above this was the best

meeting of our existence as an asso-

respect and love.

ciation. I have never witnessed that amount of zeal and earnestness with which every member entered into the work done. Every movement was supported with a hearty good will. First of all we raised two hundred and seventeen and a half dollars for our Ministerial Board. We stand at the head of the list, and Bro. West, we feel good over having done our duty. Tell Bro. Crumpton we have taken a decided stand on the side of Prohibition. Tell Bro. Bailey we had also gave five quilts to the mess hall. a Board of Directors appointed to We are thankful. work up our mission field, and that has already organized and gone to work. The association pledged over \$600 for the work, and we have already promised from outside sources as you wouldn't be willing for her to the root will go on this week. We will about \$250. We are confident that we can get the first year \$1000 for the work. We are now in correspondence ton. with one of the very best men in the State to take charge of the work. It is the intention of the Board to put only a fist-class man, in every respect, into the field. It is the grandest work in Alabama to-day. Probably it will he well to state here, that whatever we may do will be done through our State Mission Board. We have no that they'll long to get home from telligible. Typographical corrections desire or inclination to run independent of that Board and its noble Section money; they make a little go others'labors is to be a coward, safe because despised.—[Seneca. retary, who has done so much for the a great way .- Hanway. development of our denomination. Rev. D. I. Purser is chairman of

our Board. This is enough, under the of hail. It should descend softly, and light of the brightest day that ever blessings of God, to assure its success I not be uttered hastily.--[]. Cox,

From South Alabama.

indeed, wonderful. He went Tuesday to Calera to attend the meeting of the Ministerial Board for the purhave never known.

The work that this man is doing is,

and most impressive presentation of that cause we have ever listened to. But why need I do more than simply state that Dr. H. preached the ser- preached by Rev. W. N. Huckabee, mon. This is sufficient to the Bap- of Plantersville. It was very approtists of Alabama for them to know priate and was well received. After that it could not have been excelled doing full justice to the sumptuous in the State. Bro. R. H. Sterrett's dinner spread upon the ground, the speech on Sunday-schools, was words | Association was called to order by fitly spoken-it was like apples of the Moderator. Then came that tiregold in pictures of silver.

so much as this one, and we feel sure who can take the letters and ascertain that the blessings of God are upon its who the delegates are? This can be zenship, and we dare not shut our labors. Pray for us that we may not eyes to the fact that they are making fall short of the work that is before R. W. B.

Birmingham, Ala., Oct. 6th. Work and Live.

Man was put into the world work, and cannot find true happiness n remaining idle. So long as man has vitality to spare upon work, it must be used or it will become a source of grievous, harassing discontent. The man will not know what to do with himself; and when he has reached such a point as that he is unconsciously digging a grave for himself and fashioning his own coffin. Life needs a steady channel to run in-regular habits of work and sleep. It needs a steady, stimulating aim-a tendency toward something. An aimless life cannot be happy, nor for a long period healthy. Even if a man has achieved wealth sufficient for his needs, he frequently makes an error in retiring from tusiness. A greater shock can hardly befall a man who has been active than that which he experiences when having relinquished his pursuits, he finds unused vitality hanging upon his idle hands and mind. The current of his life is thus

sluggish pool to die.- Exchange. Oregonia Church,

thrown into eddies or settled into a

On Saturday before the second Sabbath in September, the writer, in day. company with J. W. Rogers, went to this church and began a meeting which closed the following Thursday at the river's edge. The church had been in a bad condition, but during the year just closed signs of progress began to be seen. At this meeting the church was graciously revived. About ten souls were happily converted, and thirteen united with the church, twelve of whom were baptized, and one awaits baptism. There is, I am glad to say, an awakening a grand success. I think the Associthroughout the North River Association. At our recent session individuals pledged themselves for more than the amounts asked for by our board for missions. About ten dol- formed, especially that most veneralars in cash was raised for ministerial education in the Howard. The ladies | A. Andrews.

Louisville, Ky., Oct. 7th.

The martyrs to vice far exceed the martyrs to virtue, both in endurance and in number; so blinded are we by our passions that we suffer more to

There are some men formed with feelings so blunt that they can hardly which burns unconsumed with his be said to be awake during the whole love; in the truth that reflects his imcourse of their lives .- Burke,

Oueen Caroline with a diamond wrote on the window of her palace, "Lord, make others great; keep me

of time treat it as prudent people do camp, but to rest basely at the cost of

Advice should be like a gentle fall

Unity Association.

No. 42.

This body has just closed its thirtieth annual session, which met with pose of examing applicants, thence to the harmony church, ten miles east Marion to see if arrangements were of Clay's Station. This church at complete for their reception, thence one time was one of the most influenreturned to Birmingham and drove 18 tial in the Association. It has been miles in the country to do some grand pastored by some of the ablest men work in our association before its in the State. Bro. W. Wilkes was close, then back to Birmingham, at- Bishop here for some time, and ended to a considerable amount of preached for the church during its work connected with the Ministerial palmiest days. His landmarks are Board, then preached two sermons to still standing, and will for years to his congregation here on the Sabbath, come. We regretted very much that and some of his members told me we failed to have his counsel and that one of them was the best sermon presence at this meeting of our Assogive this as a sample. Certainly the say that we were very much disap-Lord has sent this grand man into pointed in not having more of our this grand field, to do the grandest visiting brethren with us. Bro. S. M. work to be developed in connection Adams, of the Cahaba Association, with our denomination in the South, was the only visiting minister who in the next decade. A more conse- met with us, and I do not know crated and faithful preacher of the whether he would have come or not Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ, I had it not been for the grinding of that new ax. I want my good brother The sermon on Missions was preach- to understand that I have no serious ed by Dr. S. Henderson, the simplest | objection to his project, for I expect (D. V.), to go over and turn for him when the appointed time comes.

The introductory sermon was some process of reading letters. Why We have never enjoyed a meeting not have a committee on credentials done while the introductory sermon is being preached, and as soon as the body assembles everything will be ready for business. There are committees to gather other facts from the letters and bring them before the body. In this way at least a half day of precious time could be saved for the consideration of important business. The brethren of the Association will excuse me for suggesting

these changes. That venerable father in Israel, the Rev. J. Falkner was re-elected Moderator, Bro. T. M. Henly, Clerk, and Bro. K. Wells, Treasurer. The vari ous objects fostered by our boards were before the body for consideration, but I fear some of them did not receive the attention their importance demanded. The report on temperance was adopted without any remarks. In justice to the Association, allow me to say that it was not for want of interest, but for want of time

The subject of Ministerial Education was prominently before the body. After making satisfactory arrangements with Bro. Wells for the payment of the amount due him for assuming the expenses of our beneficiary, Bro. J. M. Kailin, in the high school at this place for the past session, a plan was adopted for supporting him at Howard College during the coming session. Bro. K. is a young man of promise, one of whom the Association will be proud some

The receipts for missions and other benevolent objects are greatly in advance of last year. According to the report of the statistical table published in the previous minutes, there is an increase of about 100 per cent.

The work of the State Board was endorsed and continued co-operation pledged. One State paper was highly commended by the Committee on Periodicals. Taking everything into consideration, the present session was ation is coming to the front. This was my first visit to the Unity.

I was very favorably impressed with many of the new acquaintances I ble of God's true noblemen, the Rev. The Association meets next year

with the Friendship church, four miles east of Mountain Creek.

J. L. THOMPSON. Verbena, Oct. 6th.

The world cannot bury Christ, The earth is not deep enough for his tomb, the clouds are not wide enough for be damned than to be saved,—[Col- his winding sheet; he ascends into the heavens, but the heavens cannot contain him. He still lives in the church age; in the hearts which burn as he talks with them by the way,- Edward Thomson.

Life is warfare, and those who timb up and down steep paths and Those who understand the value the brave men and the leaders in the

Sooner walk in the dark and trust of snow, and not like a driving storm to a promise of God than trust in the dawned .- [C. H. Spurgeon.

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SOMETHING ABOUT SER-MONIZING.

It is important to know intimately the spiritual condition of the people to whom it is proposed to preach, so that a definite object may be before the mind while writing or meditating It is inspiring to have a definite aim. They therefore have a great advantage over others who live among their people, and often meet to sacrifice children at the altar of igwith them socially, or in religious as-

vancy, skill in arrangement, and point. We are often impressed with the wiry, thorough and forcible way in which man will argue his pecuniary claims, or defend his pecuniary rights. So a preacher will unconsciously take the most effective means of impressing what he feels to be of momentous importance obstacle to interfere with it. to those whose souls he loves, or of pressing a truth involving the honor of his Master. To have something to say, to teach, to urge, and to be intent on saying it, will guarantee sufficient

writing pretty fully, particularly in early life, if one would acquire ready utterance. The manuscript may be as something to lean on in embarrassment, especially if one reads well, or as a reminder when the topics touched ting anything. It requires more thorough study to speak off hand successfully than to write out the discourse. Good extempore speakers are selfthe consciousmastery of the subject in all its bearings. This, too, is the source of fluency. What any one knows thoroughly he can say intelligibly though unendowed with readiness of speech. Who ever failed to make himself understood in a bus iness matter important enough to have been thoroughly studied?

The great orators celebrated in the history of man had an end to accomplish, and they simply gathered up and arranged the arguments and mo tives to secure that end, arguments and motives which influenced their own convictions. What persuades one man will generally persuade another. If the preacher convinces and persuades himself, he will convince and persuade others, so far as these things depend upon human agency The secular orator is always secure of his audience if secure of himself; but the pulpit orator may himself be influenced by divine impression un felt by his audience. Nevertheless, the art of preaching is highest when conformed to the laws that govern the constitution of our nature. A sermon ought to be construed on the same principles as a secular oration. With the afflatus from on high art has nothing to do.

PERHAPS.

to the indoctrination of our churches it is to be presumed, and than at some periods of our denominational history. However this may be, we find many intelligent members of our churches not only unacquainted with the nomenclature of theology as it was familiar to our fathers, but imperfectly versed in the doctrines covered by that nomenclature. They are unfamiliar with such terms as election, predestination, justification, adoption and the like, not to speak of a covenant of grace, a 'general' and 'special call.' Inapt some of these terms may be. A better nomenclature may, for aught we know, be devised; we are only contending for a more familiar knowledge of the subjects involved. We apprehend preaching is too exclusively elementary and and Chinese character, write English objective; that when for the time and punctuate a little, their produc we ought to be teachers, we have tions would fare better." We were need that some one teach us the first as completely cured as a certain colprinciples of the doctrine of Christ, lege poet who put a composition into lest we be not of the number of those 'who, by reason of use, have their senses exercised to discern good and evil; that ere we are aware many will what do you mean by this long row be found who will not endure sound of capitals running from bottom to doctrine in reference to the sover- top of the page?" eignty of God, salvation by grace, whether relating to the provisions of the atonement or the application of those provisions, the helplessness of man and yet his responsibility, or many other of those questions that paper, is not creditable to the taste of have tortured the dialectician and the Examiner. We had thought the been found acceptable only with the Examiner a very Pharisee in matters heart, "Why are these things so?" to which there is no answer but "Even phrase."

why they are such ort to ignore facts of a certain kind. make the so-called Gospel accept able to human nature.

SECULARIZATION.

The priests of the old dispensation were consecrated exclusively to the work of the sacred office. This is the model, no doubt, for the New Testament ministry. No ordinary bstacle should prevent entire consecration in every sense under the new dispensation. We go further: the spirit of divine precept would lead to the endurance of the greatest inconvenience for the sake of the sole

And yet, questions affecting the terests, let us say rights, of others, may arise, which are of a very grave character. We have known earnest men norance that they might give themselves wholly to the great work as-A definite aim will secure rele signed. Was this not an infringement upon the sacred rights of family? Is he less culpable who fails to provide for the intellectual wants of his and clothing?

We are inclined to think there is measure of devotion, in some cases, such that God allows no insuperable

STRANGE WEATHER.

So much rain as tell in the first six months of the present year has scarcely been known in the memory of the oldest inhabitant. It is suc-It is well to accustom one's self to ceeded by an almost unprecedented drought. And it is believed that the the country was settled, stood at nineused in the pulpit, if well written out, by degrees in the shade in this latitude. There is, on some account, an unusual amount of sickness in almost

every part of the State, probably due are numerous and too taxing to the to the rapid decomposition of vegetamemory. But it is better generally to ble matter in the heats of summer, so master what one proposes to say as and the great variation of temperato be above the apprehension of forget- ture observable between midday and midnight. Those who have escaped sickness and doctors' bills ought not only to be thankful, but to express their gratitude in tangible ways. When the Lord took away Hon. Thos. Cobb's daughter, he built college out of the fortune reserved for the daughter. When the Lord spares our children, we may as well do something like it, in our humble way. Have we the children and money too, they are the Lord's,

DR. TUCKER'S BOOK. Of this book, Dr. J. M. Pendleton says: "This volume from Dr. Tucker calls on us to 'ask for the old paths;' and there are no paths so good. There to God. While ages pass away, there must be preached divine sovereignty. the claims of the divine law, human accountability, free agency, the just condemnation of sinners, salvation by grace, justification by faith, and the perseverance of saints through grace to glory. On these and kindred top ics Dr. Tucker dwells and restates the

dorsement at the headquarters of American Baptist literature. Our great Publication Society thereby our theological schools all over the future? country in unison with the Publication Society and with each other, the prospect is inspiring. They are the Perhaps less attention is being given exponents of the views of the churches wholesomely upon the churches

CORRECTIONS.

Thy are not, in our opinion, grace It has, we think, always savored of prudishness to be very particular about an occasional blunder of the printer, especially when the blunder is generally in the manuscript. One not used to working over tized three on the last Sunday is manuscript cannot imagine how diffi cult it is for a practised eye to detect errors or omissions

We once complained of bad print ng-only once, we were cured; for the editor said: "If some of our correspondents, who complain of bad printing, would lay aside the Choctaw verse, blank verse. The old professor said, on returning it, "Mr. B., your composition is very well, but

"IT GOES WITHOUT SAY. ING."

many of the communications of that female workers with a good Sunday. The expression, "We need pastors," peated use of the objectionable

UNDER THE ROD. - Tuesday, Oct. cordial reception among the 7th, the editor of this paper was sumhad been spending a few weeks near to them and pleasant to him. Marion. Within less than two hours after he reached them his first born son breathed his last. We do not wish to intrude our griefs upon others. Fain would we hide our sorrows from the world and drink in silence the cup which the Father has given us. But justice to ourself and the cause we represent demands that our friends shall know why we have neglected For months the Lord has seen fit to afflict us sorely, and many times we have had to neglect our friends or else our children when they were dangerously ill.

A few weeks ago we carried our family to the country, hoping that the country air would restore the three little ones that were sick. In this we were not disappointed. They recovered rapidly and the day had been fixed for their return to our Selma home, when suddenly, without warning, our boy, our first-born son, his father's hope and pride, his mother's comfort and his mother's joy, who returned the full wealth of our affection and promised to be all that we could ask, our generous, noble boy, own than he who fails to provide food | who had never been really ill a day in his life, and who seemed so strong, was stricken down and died. The Lord knows why he has added this cup, the bitterest of all, to many others which we have drank to the dregs. We feel the shock, the bereavement, the inexpressible sorrow, and we are sad as we write, sadder than we have ever been before, but we find no other answer in our heart than "Even so. Father, for so it seemed good in thy sight."

There must be shade spots in the pilgrimthermometer has never before, since Our Father wills it so, -There lurks a thorn Even in the rose-cup which we cull and Next to our heart. What matters it? The The pang are transient; but the hope that

> From their stern ministry,-the faith that Up to its God, when these low skies are dim, Outweigh all miseries which this fleeting In her worst wrath can teach.-The Savior

Be of good cheer, since in the shielded breast THE SUNBEAMS.

This is the name of a society composed of the young ladies of the Baptist church in this city. Besides doing a good work at home, this society has just sent a twenty dollar gold piece to turnish one of the rooms of the ministerial mess hall at Howard College The young ladies desire that this room shall be known as the "Selma Sunbeams." And it is their intention to do something nice for the room and for the comfort of those who may be so fortunate as to occupy it. This is a noble move and a move are no other paths that lead sinners in the right direction. We hope that others will follow. The Selma church is down for \$150 toward ministerial education, while the Board has already received \$100 from R. C. Kee- do thank God that our mental facul ble, one of the deacons of the same ties are not impaired. What a bless and brightening outlook for the Board's future work. It is a great work, and appeals to the heart of the 'Old Theology' with great force and people, and noble responses are com ing up on every hand; and in our It is a grateful fact to some Chris judgment no department of Christian little hope that we will ever recover tians that such a book receives en labor bears more directly and potently the use of our left arm and hand. Senupon the interests of the Alabama sation is returning to our left side and Baptists. Will not the Baptist hosts of the State arise in their strength to tion of time and patience. Every gives out no uncertain sound. With do now what shall make glad the

FIELD NOTES.

"Cotton is being rapidly gathered The crop is very short. We have had rain to partially lay the dust."-E. B. T., Harpersville.

Rev. Dr. E. B. Teague requests should feel greatly encouraged," that correspondents address him hereafter at Harpersville, instead of Wilsonville, Shelby county, Ala.

Bro. A. J. Ashburn of Tuscumbia is proving himself a valuable acquisition. Excellent reports are received of his work at Tuscumbia. He bap September.

"I recently baptized four interesting young ladies at Harpersville. Self and wife in school again, the means of educating younger children. Opening finely. Prepare for any class in college."-E. B. T. We learn with deepest pain of the death of Miss Bessie Winkler, daugh ter of the lamented Dr. E. T. Wink-

of her stricken mother. May God comfort the mother thus doubly be-"Spring Hill church is one of the oldest in the State, and has recently been greatly revived and strengthened under the efficient labors of Rev. W. A. Parker. For a number of years past it has been almost extinct, but it

of Florida, and trust that his realmoned by telegraph to his family, who dence among them may be profitable

"To-morrow my labor in this fiel and there is no man as yet to occupy it. I have labored hard, with good results. During the month of gust alone I preached forty-siz ser-The seeds have been sown and the harvest is awaited. Who will reap it? I am off for the Howard." -R. M. Hunter, Washington county

"We are anticipating a pleasant time at Cenchrea at our next meeting. Brethren D. J. Hunt and R. R. Biggers are to be ordained to the deaconship of the church at that time, and rules of decorum and church government are to be adopted. Articles of faith have already been agreed upon. We hope also to take up a good missionary collection. This little band of believers are full of hope and their future prospect is encour aging."-G. D. Benton, Crawford. Sept. 29th. We have received an invitation

be present at the fiftieth anniversary of the marriage of Rev. and Mrs. Willis Burns, missionaries to the dians, Thursday, Nov. 6th, at the Baptist church at Stonewall, C. N., Indian Territory. We extend congratulations in advance, and under the circumstances it will not be amiss for us to say that we trust our brother and sister will be remembered by the readers of this paper, and by his riends generally, in a substantial

ommunication on our special contribution page from the pen of Rev. B. F. Riley, of Alabama. Mr. Riley is one of the most gifted and popular young ministers of the South, and in connection with the ALABAMA BAPrist and New York Examiner has made himself an enviable reputation He was formerly the loved pastor of the Albany Baptist church in this State, and afterwards pastor at Opelika, Ala. His friends will rejoice to hear of his continued success." Christian Index.

"The cause of our Redeemer is progressing all along the line in the Muscle Shoals Association, Our churches are taking more interest in the mission work and contributing more of their money for the support of missions than ever before. They are also supplying their pastors better than formerly and taking a greater interest in Sunday-schools than they once did. The result is that the pas tors look well, dress neatly, and are cheerful and happy. But we have a great work yet to be done in arous ing a part of our members to a dis charge of their duty to God and man. May success attend our efforts."-/ Gunn, Trinity, Oct. 8th.

Concerning his affliction Brother Graves, of the Tennessee Baptist, says in the last issue of his paper: "We church. We rejoice in the bright ing is this! And we thank God that it is our left side that is affected rather than our right. We have the perfect use of our right hand, although it is feared that our left is hopelessly paralyzed. The physicians give us leg; but our ability to use it is a queswaking hour is one of pain,-pain in head and back, or from nervous exhaustion. We shift in turn from bed to easy-chair, but keep the pain. We spend some hours now, each day, in the carriage, for the fresh air. Could we be relieved from the oppressive heaviness and pains in our head we

From Northport.

Editor Alabama Baptist: I have just returned from Grant's Creek church, where I assisted Bro. John C. Foster in a meeting of seven days. The congregations were large at night and gave serious attention during the entire week. There was only one ac cession during the meeting, but others intend joining soon. This is one the best churches in the Union Asso ciation, and located in one of the hest communities in the country. Bro. John C. Foster has nearly lost his hearing, so much so that he can no understand what is said by the speakler. Since Dr. Winkler's death she has been pastor of this church for er when talking or preaching. He about thirty-six years, I think, and the community is devotedly attached to him.

many of our people who have hereto- of employment. fore been opposed to educating ministers, or even paying their pastors, has been used very freely in my hear-M. M. Woop. brethren. We bespeak for him a l Northport, Oct. roth.

The Muscle Shoals Association.

sions of the Muscle Shoals Association that we have ever had. This body met with the Hillsboro church on Friday before 1st Sabbath in this month (October). The introductory sermor was preached by Elder W. B. Carter. from Col. 4:17 Bro Carter give us good sermor, which was well receive ed. The churches were generally well represented, and there were quite a number of visitors, Elds, W. O. Bailey, of Huntsville, and J. T. McCandless, of New Market, were with us, and preached for us. Eld W. B. Car ter was elected moderator, and myclerk. The letters from the churches indicated a very pleasant state of affairs. Judging from what has been done at this association, there has been an advance made by the churches in liberality and spirituality. The number of baptisms reported for the past year was 260. This is an increase over last year of 119. There was sent up in cash by the churches for Missions and Education, and paid at the association, for the various purposes of Missions, Education, and Colored Evangelization, including what had been paid missionaries by churches during the past year, over \$1000. Pledges were made and cash paid for Missions and Ministerial Ed ucation for the next year amounting to over \$1000. Our association has made a very decided advance in the way of giving, and our motto is still onward. Five years ago \$500 was about as much as we could get for all "We call attention to the very able purposes; now it is double. Some of us will never be satisfied until we can reach \$5,000 for Missions and Ministerial Education. The position that the association took on the temperance question was firm and decided. The report on that subject committed the association to prohibition. The reports of our missionaries were encouraging -- we had four missionaries in the field and one evangelis. These brethren were engaged about four months on an average.

We raised about \$200 for Ministe- through the ministry of toiling heart rial Education. A part of this we and hands. The seed that cannot take will turn over to the State Board of Education, the remainder we will appropriate to the support of a young man who will go to school at the

Mountain View High School, Elder Bailey, of Huntsville, preach ed two good sermons for us. His sermon on Sunday was a splendid discourse. It was highly commended by all who heard it. I trust that Bro. Bailey will not shut himself up in Hunts ville as some of his predecessors have done. North Alabama needs such ministers as he. He can do much good if he will mingle with his brethren. I hope that the church at Hunisville will appreciate the importance of having their pastor extend his influence among the churches outside of Huntsville. Bro. McCandless also preached two good sermons.

The association was well entertained by the brethren and citizens of Hillsboro, who vied with each other in their efforts to make their visitors feel at home. The next meeting of the association will be held with the

There was quite a rivalry among Drs. Bailey and Cleveland, and yournot being present yourself. You could have done work for the BAPTIST that none of your friends could have done.

The association agreed to raise a colportage fund, to be called the source of your sweetest joy. "Charles Gibson Colportage Fund." \$50 of this is already raised. The rest we will raise in the future. I would like to see contributions made to this fund during our next associational year, to such an extent, that we shall have the entire amount of \$100 raised be ore our next association.

But I must close. This meeting was success. I think Bro, Bulley can now advance the old "Muscle Shoals" We adjourned on Mon JOS SHACKELFORD. Trinity, Al., Oct. 8th, 1884

Sin in Sound.

Having read the query in regard to the hawk, the thought suggested it self to my mind: Is it a sin to shoot a hawk on Sunday or not? Now, it it is no sin why not destroy the other de structive birds and insects on Sunday? The crows pull up the corn; the hares eat the cabbage and peas; the moles burrow into the potatoes; the cut garden. It all these things were at-The movement in the interest of tended to on the Sabbath, it would ministerial education is attracting al. surely cease, in the spring, to mean most universal attention. A great rest, but would mean simply a change Adams as a wise young minister of

tion: If it is a sin to shoot a hawk on This slang phrase, occurring in now has a good corps of male and in this matter in a substantial way. kill, dress and cook a chicken on that day? Why is it no harm to gather nomination wherever he may go. vegetables, pare and cook them on Rev. H. H. Sturgle, of Carlowville, ing during the summer, There seems that day? The Sabbath was given for be spread upon the church record, world yet not of it, to perform its will make his home hereafter in Floristo be an increasing desire among our the rest of the body and that a copy be furnished the proper tasks and allotted duties fully the rest of the body and that a copy be furnished the proper tasks and allotted duties fully the rest of the body and the rest o lowly and the contrite. The mysteries of nature and redemption alike right to be specially fastidious, not lor a half score of years as an hour that real or he publish.

We have known Bro. Sturgis country churches for pastoral work, the soul, and breaking the Sabbath is desires and affections are set on things. for a half score of years as an hum and I think the disposition to support depriving the body of that rest or the publish. sects, we are offended by the offere. ble, sound Baptist preacher, worthy the ministry is growing as fast as the soul of the confidence and things that doing the last mentioned this gs ence, Oct. 4th, 1884. would deprive the body of more rest,

and the soul of more food than mere. Painful and Dangerous and Needly shooting a hawk.

Dear Bro. West: We have juclosed one of the most interesting ses; But perhaps the difficulty comes in this way: When a gun is fired on Sunday the whole neighborhood hears it, and lew know the circumstances. This will cause a goodly number of persons to spend a considerable amount of their Sabbath, moments in wondering why the shooting was done -was it in a fight-was it an accident - was any one killed? The delicate women are expecting a runner every minute to telt them some one is dead. This, of course, is not a state of mind suitable for Sabbath study. There will be considerable time wasted in asking and answering questions in regard to the affair, but the great trouble is that somebody will tell a falsehood about it, "before the thing is over." There is another "sinful sound" not so easily accounted for. It is the sound of the ax on Sunday. This does not cause any alarm. When we hear the ax on Sun day morning we know some one is cutting wood that he ought to have cut on Saturday, just as we know that everybody is cooking dinner, most of which they might have done without or cooked the day before. the other work, the difference must

be in the sound! So to have a just conception of the matter we may subof the gun and the sound of the ax. This will give the amount of sin, "to a mathematical certainly " "Oh! consistency, thou art a jewel."

LITTLE CONSISTENCY. Plowing in Hope. BY THE REV. E. B. SANFORD.

Toil is rendered sweet and enduraole by the promise of reward. The armer plowing in hope of a harvest,

s encouraged by the same incentives that sustain those who labor in all the varied industries and service of life Hopes may be born of dreams, but hey become substantial realities root in the unbroken sod, finds lodg ment in the upturned furrow, and bears "some sixty, some an hundred

We cannot escape toil in connexon with Christian service. Duty calls us to engage in tasks that are often rksome and trying, but the radiance of hope is the privilege of every faith ful heart, for, "in due season we shall reap, if we faint not." Parents and teachers have reason, especially, fo plow in hope. The child life is every way immature, and needs in its cul ture and training an abounding spirit of patience. The good children, who are easily controlled, and quickly drop into the grooves of right habits, are in the minority. With most, there is waywardness of disposition and conflict of inclination, that require "line upon line, and precept upon

The child that gives little promise and whose early years put a con straint upon the hearts of parents and teachers, often becomes the brightest jewel in their crown of service. It is not an uncommon thing for the dull the churches in their efforts to get the boy to grow into the bright, strong association to meet with them. Eight | man of his day and generation, and churches applied for it. We missed the hoydenish girl sometimes devel ops into the noble and thoughtfu self. I think you lost a good deal by matron. Do not be discouraged by present waywardness. Plow in hope for it may be that those in your home or class who now cause you the most anxiety, will, in days to come, be the

This truth has an application to our personal experience. It is a great mistake to imagine that having once entered upon the Christian life, there is little more required. If we are true to our high calling, the days of mere surface scratching of the soil is past Sub-soil plowing is demanded. W. shall come in contact with the snags and roots of evil tempers and tendencies of our nature. And it will no help matters to give a lift to the plow handles in trying to escape from easi ly besetting sins. But whether en gaged in service for ourselves or oth ers, we may plow in hope. The more severe the task, the sweeter the re ward. God never disappoints the taithful servant. - S. S. Times.

Resolutions.

Whereas, After three years of arduous and faithful labor with us as pastor, our beloved brother, Rev. S. M. Adams, has deemed it his duty to have a prejudice. worm destroys other plants in the ask us to release him, and whereas this church in brotherly love has con sented to the same; therefore

Resolved, That we regard Brother the Word of God, a faithful pastor of Now on the other side of the ques- the flock of Christ, and a brother kind in all the relations of life.

Resolved. That we earnestly com-

Resolved, That these resolutions ready. It is possible to be in the

Adopted by the church in confer-

SUTTON SMITHERMAN, Clerk,

BY MARGARET MEREDITH.

are subjected, which might be lessened or removed by a perception of its cause. When, a ter only once to feel that I was losing my resee, was nothing but one phase of homesickness. Being jostled out of sociations with which they had been intertwined through their growth; and besides this, there was that subtile cloud and distraction of mind which cannot be defined, for which the chief-and very potentremedy is the understanding that it is only temporary.

If it is a sin to shoot a hawk or cut as much, or sometimes even more, midst of trials and griefs, such as wood on Sunday, and not a sin to do than the young I was unhappy and be- come to all of us, like a great strong ing relapse into worldliness may octract the squall of the chicken and in despair, and with a new life offerthe clang of the pots from the report | ing other interests, one might readily | it there. - Baptist Weekly. submit to give up the happiness which seems but a thing of the past and become engrossed henceforth in the cares and riches and pleasures which choke the seed. Few human feelings can live without hope, and our religious feelings are not wholly excepted. Losing heart, we are glad to forget. If we yield to this, how

soon forgetfulness comes ! After a time I began to get bac my old motives and tastes, and be gan to realize that it might have been the uprooting that caused the slug gishness and the disregard for wha before had been one at least of the ruling objects of life. After that grew to expect some such chill and passing change of feeling in a change of scene, and until change became ; common thing to me I often found i so. For my friends, too, I have ex pected it, and have been ready will comfort when they wrote from a new home: "But I am afraid I am not as good as I used to be." Pain would be saved by understanding this, and time would be saved for useful ser vice, since we can start boldly into plans for work, willing or unwilling, if we can believe that the willingness will soon return, and that we do not need to stop and consider about the safety and sincerity of our own souls

Sweetness of Spirit.

There are some Christian men who somehow carry the charm of an attrac tive atmosphere with them. It is pleasure just to look at them. Even when one differs in judgment with them as far as the poles are asunder, one is none the less drawn and fascinated by them. There is such sweetness in their spirit, such gracious gentleness in their manner, such kind catholicity, such manly frankness, such thorough self respect on one hand, and on the other hahd such perfect regard for the judgment of others, that one cannot help loving them, however conscience may compel conclusions, on matters of mutual consequence, un

like those which they have reached. Those are not weak men, either What people like in them is not that, with the everlasting unvaryingness of a mirror, they reflect back the thought which is presented to them, and so are always at an agreement with oth ers. So etimes one is even more drwn to them when they are in oppo sition, because they are so true and just that their respect carries with i all the refreshment of variety with none of the friction of hostility.

Natural temper has something to do with this. God gives a great gif to a man when he gives him a sunny hisposition, a candid spirit, and the instinct of fairness in a controversy It is exceedingly hard for some men to be just. They are jeatous, suspicious, and morose in their natural bent. It is hard for them to believe good of others. It is easy for them always to put the worst construction upon matters. It sometimes seems as if it were almost more than grace can do to transform their tempers so that they will be just toward any man against whom they have been led to

Heavenly Mindedness.

It is part of wisdom to let worldly cares and enj yments hang loosely about us, so that when "the inevitable hour" comes we may let them fall like a mantle, and take our departure unregretfully. Ripened fruit falls easily. So when the heart of the Christian is mend Bro. Adams to the Baptist de- truly weared from the world, death may come at any time and find him above. If we allow worldly cares and perplexities to weave themselves about our hearts so firmly that they tions,

common life, then we are companioning ourselves with the beasts of the field who live in the present only, and whose whole range of being is con-There is an acute suffering, to prised within the circle of sensual which I feel sure many Christians gratification. Heavenly mindedness comes from a contemplation of the things that are pure and right and boly, and from a study of God's word. months of Christian life, I left my and an application of its precepts to home and moved to a city, I began at our daily life. It is not possible to have this frame of mind except it be ligion. I was not homesick other- with a consciousness that we are acwise, quite satisfied with the new cepted of God, and have received place: but this indifference, as I now lorgiveness of sins. While the windows of the soul are darkened by sin and unbelief, we cannot expect that the old grooves, the old feelings were the sunshine will pour in to cheer and not carried smoothly along by the as- lighten its innermost recesses, and draw its thoughts heavenward. The mind that is set on spiritual delights, that loves to commune with God, and finds its chiefest joy in doing his service, will not be ruffled by every disappointment in life, or broken by its calamities, for these things it rightly regards as transitory, as of no ac-I was young and inexperienced, count in comparison with things that but I imagine that older Christians, come after, and that are sure and especially if unused to change, might eternal. Clothed in such serenity and feel the wilting effect of an uprooting peace, the soul may move through the wildered. I can easily see how a last- ship whose course is not stayed by the buffeting of the wind and waves cur as a result of such apprehension; because it has a certain port to gain, and a pilot who knows how to guide

Good Meetings in Butler and Conecuh Counties.

Dear Bro. Editor: On Saturday be-

fore the third Sabbath in August, we

Hegan a protracted meeting with Mt.

Pisgah church, Butler county, which asted nine days. We had the labors of Elds. A. T. Sims, I. Spence and I. G. McCaskey; the former two brethren were with us until near the close of the meeting. Although Bro. Sims has been in delicate health for some months, yet he did some of the best preaching of his life, and our prayer is that he may long live to preach the Gospel. The church was greatly revived. There were 34 accessions, 16 by baptism, among them some of the hardest of the hard, and our prayer is that God may continue to bless this church, and add unto it the saved. From this point we went to Union church, Conecuh county, where we began a protracted meeting on Saturday before the fish Sabbath in August. At this point we had the labors of our Missionary this year for the Bethlehem Association, Rev. B. H. Crumpton. It was universally given up by men of all creeds that Bro. Crumpton did some of the best preaching ever heard at this point. The church is in a cold state. The meeting lasted five days, and closed with three accessions to the church. From here we went to New Hope church, Conecuh county, and b gan a meeting on Saturday before the first Sabbath in September. Here we had the labors of Breth. Gray and Bond. The Lord graciously poured out his Spirit upon us, and the church was greatly revived. The meeting lasted seven days, and closed with thirty-seven accessions to the church. Of this number it was the writer's happy privilege to lead thirty down into the water and bury them with Christ by baptism. Of this number there were some whose heads were blossoming for the grave, but they are prominent citizens and will add greaty to the strength of the church. Our prayer is that God may still bless these good brethren and sisters in heir efforts, and add unto the church year after year the saved. From here we went to Fairfield church, Conscuh county, and begin a meeting on Saturday before the second Sabbath in September. At this place the meetng was conducted by Eld. I. Spence. assisted by Elds. J. B. F. Watts and Bond. On account of the health of our family, we, the pastor, were present but one day. The meeting lasted five days and closed with five accesions to the church. May God bless this ocopie and continue to favor

hem thus is our prayer. J. HOLLEY.

Sepulga, Ala. To the Graduates of the Judson in Atabama and the Adjoining States.

The demand for Judson graduates s teachers has largely outgrown the apply within the limits of my acquaintance. I am constantly receiving applications for teachers in art, music and academic studies, that I cannot fill. If our alumnæ, who are willing to teach, will write and give me definite information as to the subjects in which they are specially proficient, the time of graduation, and their experience hs teachers, I will enroll their names in the hope that I shall be able to help them on somewhat toward the fulfillment of the aspirations which I hope they all feel

after a useful life. ROBERT FRAZER.

Marion, Ala.

An earnest Coristian is always peculiar and half incomprehensible to he world. He has something which ney have not, and which they do not w low to reckon in their calculaSELWA, ALA., OCT. 16, 1884. time and Place of Meeting of Ala-

Prepared for Insertion in the Minutes BY B. B. DAVIS, STATISTICAL SECRETARY.

2 Antioch-J. J. Mason, moderator. Escatawpa; S F Tucker, clerk, Silas, Meets with St. Stephens church, Oct. 29.

3 Arbacoochee Rev. T. A. Camp. moderator, Lamar; J. M. Hix, clerk, Stone Hill.

Meets at Wedowee, Randolph county, Octo-

6 Bethlehem-Rev. B. J. Skinner, moder

ator, Burnt Corn; Thomas S. Wiggins, clerk, Monroeville, Meets with Bethany church, Monroe county, September 27. 9 Boiling Spring—Rev. T. H. Howle, mod-erator, Delta; J. C. Bean, clerk, Oxford, Meets with Bethel church, September 27.

15 Centennial—A. J. Slaughter modera-tor, Union Springs; F. E. Tompkins, clerk, Fitzpatricks, Meets with Mount Zion church,

18 Clear Creek-23 Eufaula-Rev. W. H. Patterson, moderator Eufaula; Wm. A. Davis, clerk, Eufaula. Meets with Prospect church 9 miles south of Clayton, October 24. 25 Indian Creek-Rev. J. M. Corbin moderator, Houston, Tenn.; A. O. Mon-tague, clerk, Sorby, Tenn. Meets with Rock Springs church, Giles county, Tenn., Sep-tember 27.

27 Liberty (East) Rev. J. F. Bledsoe, moderator, Camp Hill; Rev. W. C. Bledsoe. clerk, LaFayette. Meets with Bethel church

33 Mobile Baptist Union—M. G. Hudson, Pres., Mobile; George A. Pearce, clerk, Mo-bile, Holds sessions quarterly.

40 Pea River-Rev. Jesse M. Rowe, moderator, Elba; A. J. Wise, Jr., clerk, Victoria. Meets with Bethlehem church, Coffee county, October 30.

44 Sandy Creek-Rev. J. E. Albritton, moderator, Geneva; Rev. J. C. Coleman, clerk, Geneva, Meets with Newhope church, Holmes county, Fla., 6miles south of Geneva, October 25.

47 South Eastern-Rev. B. R. Jackson, moderator, Mobile; R. Powell, clerk, Citronelle, Meets with Mount Moriah church, 48 Sulphur Springs—Rev. W. B. Fulmer, moderator, Partridge; Rev. C. A. Burns, clerk, Bangor. Meets with Union church,

49 Tallapoosa River-Rev. J. H. Norton, Notasulga, moderator; M. E. Parker, clerk, Meets with New Harmony

Notasulga. Meets church, October 23. 51 Tennessee River—Rev. J. J. Beeson, moderator, Pisgah; R. A. Coffey, clerk. Ste-venson. Meets with Mount Zion church.

Jackson county, September 26. 54 Tuskegee-Waddy Thompson, moder ator, Tuskegee; Rev. C. W. Buck, clerk, Crawford. Meets with Brownville church,

56 Unity-Rev. J. Falkner, moderator, Mountain Creek; Rev. H. E. Longerier, clerk, Jones' Switch. Meets with Harmony church, Autauga county. September 30. 58 Wengufka-Rev. J. R. Steely, moder ator, Marbie Valley; James Martin, clerk, Fayetteville. Meets with Pine Grove church,

Coosa county, October 18. Meetings in October—Wednesday 1, No. 12; Thursday 2, Nos. 5 and 26; Friday 3. Nos. 16, 36 and 43; Saturday 4, Nos. 21, 29. and 42; Thursday 9, Nos. 37 and 50; Friday 10, Nos. 1 and 13; Saturday 11, Nos. 7, 24.
30, 38, 46 and 59; Tuesday 14, No. 10; Thursday 16, No. 54; Friday 17, No. 60; Saturday 18, Nos. 3, 47 and 58; Thursday 23, No. 49; Friday 24, No. 22; Saturday 25, No. 44; Wednesday 29, No. 2; Thursday 30, No. 44; Wednesday 29, No. 2; Thursday 30, Child

Macon Church.

The following are the statistics of the Macon church given in its church letter to the Cahaba Association, for the year just closed: No of members, males, 9 females, 9

State Missions,.... \$ 15.65 Ch. Building Department,.. 7.40 Foreign Missions, 20 00 Ministerial Education, 8.38 Monterey church, Mexico, . . 5.00 Evangelist, ... 62.00 Demopolis Ch Building, ... 125.00 Pastor's salary,..... 450.00 S. S. Literature, 10 00 Sexton,..... 12.00 Minutes,..... 1,00

Total average per member, . \$37.61

We give these statistics to the public that others may be encouraged and stimulated. We challenge the State upon them. G. S. ANDERSON.

Humanity's Selfishness.

How wonderfully, how selfishing callous we are towards the mistortunes of all except that handful of fellow creatures with whose features and voices and manners, neckties and coats, we happen to be familiar! How little are we touched by the destruction of unknown men! Oh, strange want of imagination-amizing poverty of fancy! Who loses a night's tion at the last Acad my Exhibition, sleep because some peasant lad had been killed by lightning? Whose ap- Brooklyn, for \$2,000, has been enpetite suffers because of the hist of charred corpses that were dragged from the ruins of the theatre? Whose spirit is dejected because a workman ety, to be issued an nymou ly by has fallen from his scaffolding and Funk & Wagnads, to and 12 Dey been picked up dead? Workmen falling from scaffolding is a thing say, "Poor man!" this certainly is the by E J Wheeler, to be i sued by up the thought, nor picture to our. are said to be excellent specimens of selves the dead man brought home, his orphans' faces and his widow's tears. "How fortunate that I did not pass down that street this after noon!" we perhaps remark; for we sett Christmas," Mr. Hale has spent think more of the shock that has been a considerable part of every year in spared our nerves than of that un-

ing the year 1883, there were 10,568 in business in the United States and Some of these were big concern and some very small. Failure is sorrowfr business to any man, especially if it is his health that fails. A great many times 10, 568 peo le fail in health in the course of a year. Many of them might be saved if they would take Brown's Iron Bitters, the great family medicine and restorer of wasted health.

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"Maria," said Mr. Jones to his wife one ening last week. 'I suppose you'll make a evening last week. 'I suppose you'll make a fuss about it but there is a rat —" 'Oh-h h-h-h mercy' goodness!" yelled Mrs. Jones jumping on a chair. 'where is it? "Down at the City Hall where ratification meetings always are." snarled Jones, 'If you' would wait till I get through speaking without interrupting me you'd know more."

If worms change the complexion they have a tendency in destroy the vital appareirs that

a tendency to destroy the vital energies that sustain and promote health and life; therefore, at the first indication of worms, administer Shriner's Indian Vermifuge,

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LITERARY NOTICES.

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Mr. C. D. Wedon, of New York whose painting emitted "The W d ding Dres," avracted so much at en and was bought by Mr Graves, of gaged during the aummer upon illustrations for "The Burnling Bali," a poetical satire upon New York soci Street, New York

Walter Satteries, of N. w York, who which happens every day, and, ac- appears to be so much in demand for cording to the average number of illustrating books for young tolks, has houses being built, must continue to furnished twenty eight of the illustra happen. If we take the trouble to tions for a holiday book entitled "Stories in Rhyme for Holiday l'ime," greatest length to which our good Funk & Wagnalis, to and 12 Dey nature goes. We never stop to follow | Street, New York The illustrations the artist's most striking work in this

Edward Everet Hale again prom ises us a new book of Christmas stories. The title will be "A Narraganknown individual's death. Next paper most likely brings the account of a more sensational accident—perhaps a gignitic explosion, or a mysterious murder which feeds our appetite for rottence with high seasoned food—and the workman is lorgotten while he still hes unburied.—Blackwood.

the Narragansett country for several years. The ew book represents a party assembled there for the Christmas festivities, of some of the principal characters of he different stories, particularly of those who met in his "Christmas in a Paiace" a year ago. The publishers are Funk & Wagnalls, to and 12 Dey Street, New York.

The Baptist church at New Shiloh extend a cordial invitation to all delegates and visitors, proposing to take a part in the constitution of a new association, embracing the first Sabbath in November and Saturday before.

W. O. PERRY, Mod. W. T. PIERSON, Ch. Cierk. Oct. 12, 1884.

There are few persons who really know the preciousness of the promises of God's Word, because they have never tried them. God is ready to ulfill every promise he has ever made, and Christians do not know what they are losing by not implicitly trusting

If there's a right thing to be done, and we seem to pass through a wrong hing on our way to it, depend upon it there's another way to it, and a better one, and it is our own fault, and his Carroll. not God's, that we do not find it .-Edward Gannett.

Alabama News.

Selma's bridge continues to grow The Eutaw fair begins November Gov. O'Neal says Sheffield will be

Dallas is the largest cotton growing

A Presbyterian church has been organized at Brewton. The Alabama River at Selma ha eached its lowest ebb.

The State Geologist has discovered phosphates at Nanatalia. Montgomery speaks of a night chool for her young men.

Two prisoners have made their es cape from the Athens jail. The yield of cotton in Alabama is petter than was expected a month

Rev. B. H. Crumpton has just losed a series of meetings at Snow Moses Griffin, colored, ot Ran-

dolph, was shot on the 4th inst., by an unknown party. The residence of Mr. Hooten, near Columbia, was burned with all its

contents a few days since. An extensive forest fire is raging n Red Mountain, between Birmingham and Hillman's mines.

insane man, after a vain attempt to murder his wife, took his own life.

Elbert Crump, colored, a notorious car thief of Alabama, has been cap tured and lodged in jail at Gadsden Capt Hugh Haralson, President of the Mathews Cotton Mills, at Selma, had his foot painfully crushed last

It is thought that Mrs. Vincent, wife of Alabama's defaulting treasurer, has gone to join her husband in Mr. A. K. Evans, of the E T., V

& G R ilmad, was killed at the Clanton camp-meeting by a young n n named Hambrick Mr. James Barr, formerly of the Selma Times, has bought necessary

material and will begin the publica tion of a paper in Uniontown. W. B. M. rris, a laborer at the mil of Straughn & Co., Monroe county, as shot by an unknown party while

waiting at Lovett's landing for a boat John Honeycutt, a Bibb county convict, after having been captured at Centreville, was liberated by armed men. Firteen indictments have been issued against him, one of which charges him with an attempt to com-

Married in Alabama

In Ashby, A. L. Arnold and Miss

Near Marion, J. W. Logan and N. In Selma, Allen Rankin and Inez

In Birmingham, H. B. Johnson and S. M. Perry. In Cleburne county, S. Boboo and

S. Hammert, In M n gomery, Daniel Lowry and

In Selm, Henry Trenlick and Amelia Ro h. In Ozirk, W. Mathews and Miss Cliff rd Price,

Near Garden City, O. W. Puls and Hanna Jensen In Brundidge, R D. Watson and

Notice Hightower. In Montevello, W. M. Wallace and Mrs. C. M. Gardner. Near Harreli's X Roads, T.

Robards and Alma McCreary. Near C rrollton, R. C Harrell and Rebecca Shaw; S H. Burge-s and Maggie Lindsey; W. A. Parker and Mrs. C. Jacobs

Deaths in Alabama.

In Selma, Mr. Ikerman. In Columbia, Ben Cody. In Annison, Mrs Todd. In Tishaber, Roht Casey, In Montevallo, F R King, In Talladegs, Thomas Best.

In Dale county, A. Edwards. In Oxford, son of L B. Miller. Near Sandy Ridge, Mrs. Dean. In Selma, Mrs W T. Jackson. In Claiborne, James McKenzie.

In Talladega, Oliver A. Elston. Near Flinn's Mill, Gilbert Meeks. In Selma, J B. Duggar, of Cababa. Near Day Mill, Mollie Eharker. Near Waxahatchie, Emma Porter. In Lowndes county, Bettie Gilmer, Near Fort Dale, little Mary Bush. Near Benton, Wm. H. Grumbles Near Bethany, Mrs. Jennie Bonner. In Montgomery, James W. Hardie. In Dallas county, Mrs. R D. James. In Evergreen, little Abbie Chris

At Blount Springs, John W. Rob In Greenville, infant of S. L. P.

In Georgians, infant of W. B. Bar-In Wetumpka, little Mary G. Wil-

In Centreville, little son of Dr.

In Talladegs, infant of R L Ras In Henry county, Mrs. Bersy Pea

In Marion, Mrs. El zabeth Ray Near Little Warrior, Joel Hen In Schma, James Irwin, of Valley

Creek In Selms, Leroy Thrien, of Broken In Hanceville, infant of R. B.

In Butler county, youngest child of

In Edwardsville, infant of Prof. W N ar Ozark, little daughter of Wil

Near Skipperville, little child o Henry Lee. Near Pleasant Ridge, little son of W. J. Jones,

ter of Dr. Rambo.

the past four weeks.

In Arkansas, Dr. Jno. Ballenger formerly of Arkadelphia, Ala. Mr. Sweet Snow, below Heflin, died one day last week. He and his wife, and two children have died within

DIED, on the 7th day of September, 1884. little Choma Jackson Rowell. This dear little child, the joy and pride of his parents, was born May 10th, 1882, and was therefore aged 2 years, 3 months and 27 days. Grieve not, dear friends, your little one is in heaven, and you can go to him.

J. E. McClurkin. Caledonia, Ala., Oct. 4th.

OBITUARY.

Died, at Radfordsville, Ala., Sept 18th, 1884. Mollie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Radford, aged 14 years, 7 months and 18 days.

The angel of death has visited the family circle, hushed the voice, and silenced the footsteps of a dear loved one in the spring time of life-th comfort, joy and light of the hous-Near Uniontown, Mr. Harper, an hold. As her instructress, I knew her to be polite, kind and dutifu Father, mother, brothers and sister you are sad, your hearts are torn with grief, but your beloved has paid the last debt, and now rests. Fain would she have staid a while longer, but the Father called her to join in the rapt-

urous melody of the angelic choir. Therefore be comforted, and prepare to meet your darling in that home, the rest of God's people, where you can join her in eternal songs of praise to that dear Savior who called his lamb home. M W DANIEL.

Obituary.

The following preamble and reso lutions were presented at the last conference of Concord church by a com mittee appointed for that purpose, and were unanimously adop ed.

On motion of Mr. W. T. Weisinger, he church ordered them sent to the ALABAMA BAPTIST for publication.

Whereas, The winged messenger has lulled into the sleep that knows no wakening, and under Divine guid ance has borne across the river of death into the beautiful beyond, our lovely young sister, Ada Deanie Petty, therefore be it

Resolved, That in her removal Concord church has been deprived of an exemplary member-one who possessed all the purest, most attractive graces of manner, mind and heartone who in the beauty of holiness ruly adorned the earthly tabernacle of the Most High. Although she was just entering the borderland to wo manhood, she had acquired a remark ably high degree of mental and moral culture. That she had attained such extensive knowl dge of the Word of God was due to the fact that she daily read the Scriptures. Her well or dered conversation, and her unwavering devotion in the Master's service. impressed all who knew her with the reality and sweetness of the Christian

Re-olved, That the Sabbath-school ias lost its most active, efficient workmorning she was well prepared for pots, a pickle dishes, a butter dish, 12 egg

the great work. R solved. That we tender our de pest sympathies to the bereaved mother, brother and relatives. To slop bowl, I dozen each tea and preserve that Christian mother we would say, plates 12 cups and saucers, 56 pieces, for be comforted. Your "Lily" is but transplanted to bloom in perfect beauty by the river of life in the "sweet fields of Eden." Little brother, we know your loss is grievous, but be grateful that you have the memory set, consisting of 6 each dinner, breakfast, of a sister so pure, so gentle, so rue kers, 3 flat dishes of various sizes, 2 oval cov Like her, seek first the "kingdom of ered dishes, I round covered dish, I sauce God and his righteousness," and the boat, I campot, 2 pickle dishes, I butter dish, 6 egg cups, 6 cups and saucers, 6 pairs tamily circle now so sadly stricken, after dinner cups and saucers, 85 pieces, for will some day be complete in the \$23 50. "house not made with hands, eternal and hope still arches the heaven, and in the far east has risen, to dispel all

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so marama said, and they must all be rothy Ann looked at her.

careful to be very kind and polite, It was very perplexing f

The little lassie came, and they were delighted with everything about to be upon their best behavior all the At last, when her throat ached and own fault." Try and live to make the she had done nothing at all; but one

currants and a few raspberries ripe. Ann spoke. There will be plenty of raspberries "You're a nice child now, ain't

be found in a liberal, old-fashioned than Aunt Emily, and her words al-

I like only raspberries."

sleeve pushing through the bushes in I sessed search of them, very quietly ate all

"Mamma don't wish us to pick the was to feel very angry. pansies unless she is with us," venchoice ones she wants to keep for little as she had her screams.

winning side; but if the play went child?"
against her she grew sober, then sulky, "Don't you think it's nice to see and refused to finish the game.

fully decided that it was not.

must put on your thick shoes. There hour later, fast asleep, damp places to go over to-day."

wear those slippers, and was not in- chance to speak her mind," and have fame and fortune, and was a power in clined to change it, but still quite de- ing now had it, felt very kindly dis the country, and she who had shared termined to go to the picnic. So she posed. She slipped a cushion under aid, "Then I believe I won't go." the poor little rumpled head, and was one of the social magnates of the The other children were wofully when dinner time came Hetty found city in which she lived. said, "Then I believe I won't go."

there wild flowers and vine lasses candy to pass away the time.

"Hurry, dest," said her aunt coaxingly. "We are all waiting you see."

Don't wait," said Hetty: "I'd at the change in her. And nobody coil dever guess how it came about, for she was making. From the back of it she could lock out of the window and see what was going on. The children got into the big spring wagon and sat looking up at her windows. Then her annt came out and called cheerily unto her, "Come, Hetty, we've got a good seat for you."

"And I'm to have the whip and I'll's awful cold up these."

But Hetty was subdued, and as our heroine—for she was really a heroine, as you will see—was shocked at the change a few weeks had heroine, as you will see—was shocked at the change a few weeks had wrought.

A sudden chill, a neglected cold, days of unremitting labor, and some thing that seemed like swift consumption had set in. The lady thought it a case for her interference. She asked the history of the malady, and then said:

"You must not stay here any long et. It will be death if you do. You must go home and be nursed."

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"And I'm to have the whip and I'll let you have it half the time," shouted

Hetty came to the window, and said, "Thank you, Aunt Emily, but I'd rather not go;" and then watched the from the back of the room, served the visitor.

"You'd have very little to eat, and you might starve to death."

"That wouldn't be pleasant," observed the visitor. in the way of urging her.

Aunt Emily got in, and to Hetty's great astonishment, the wagon was great astonishment, the wagon was driven away. What could it mean? They surely would never, never think of such a thing as going without her. They must be going to turn back for har—perhaps they were doing an errand first. But there was a little singurary about her heart ashe slowly in the maid, "Where are little singurary than the officer, "you wouldn't see your wife for three simply stating the hard facts in an assert to the inquiries whose unexpection, simply stating the hard facts in an after the inquiries whose unexpection, simply stating the hard facts in an assert to the inquiries whose unexpection the inquiries whose unexpection the inquiries whose unexpection to the inquiries whose unexpection the inquiries whose unexpection the inquiries whose unexpection the inquiries whose unexpection. The inquiries whose unexpection the inquiries whose unexpection the inquiries whose unexpection to the inqui

Why, to the picnic, of course

careful to be very kind and polite, It was very perplexing for Hetty. and to see that she always had the She had never kicked and screamed before without everybody being fright-ened for fear she would injure herself, and coaxing and petting her, and ofher, from her pretty fair curls and white face, so different from their own sun-browned ones, to her dainty dresses and French boots. There could be no doubt that her manners if it lasted all day, and not a soul many friends and relations I have to sleeper that my sleeping for a few were quite equal to her appearance, anywhere near to do any coaxing. ask forgiveness of. I am weak and weeks on a sofa was nothing." so Jesse and Tom and Polly resolved Hetty did not know what to do next. | worthless in body and mind-all my | And it really seemed to her that

me.

"Will you come out into the garbadly tumbled, she sat up and looked triends. Let tuture generations thank to her, "I was sick, and ye comforted her face was red and her whole self den?" said Jesse. "There are lots of at Dorothy Ann. And then Dorothy God that "Merit gave you recognition me?"-Christian Advocate,

Such a garden as that! None of It was not spoken sneeringly, nor your little seven-by-nine scraps, but a in anger. Dorothy Ann was a pleasfull acre of everything which could ant-faced, hard-working woman, older A broad walk through the middle a pause she went on in a slow, earnest of it was bordered by beds of bright- way: "You're a nice child, I say! colored flowers, with rows of holly- Don't you think it's nice to be a-hocks and sunflowers at the end. makin' yourself a trouble and a tor-Honeysuckles and morning-glories ment with your cross, crabbed, can-climbed over the fences, and in a tankerous way? Don't you think its shady corner grew such pansies as the nice to come where folks is all glad children believed only mamma knew to see you and their hearts just warm God's day with Bible stories, thus and a-runnin' over with kind feelin's helping the sacred hours to pass prof "I don't like currants; they're sour. agivin' up to you, and you just for all the world like a buzzin' wasp or a It had been supposed that each stingin' nettle or a prickly chestnut one would eat a great many currants burr that everybod's glad to get away and a very few raspberries. But on from or drop out of their hands? hearing this the others offered her all Don't you think its nice to keep them the raspberries they could find, and children all rasped up with your tanwere rather surprised to see that she trums, and to keep your aunt in a took them without seeming to think fret all the time atween her wish to do whether they liked them, too. She everything that's kind to you and scratched his face and Polly tore her and you a-goin' on like all pos-

Hetty stared up at Dorothy Ann, they had without so much as a thank | bewildered at words the like of which for you. Then she declared the ber- she had never heard before, and ries were not half ripe and not fit to slowly through her mind came the idea that the next thing for her to do

"How dare you talk so to me?" she tured Jesse, as Hetty began gathering cried. "Mamma won't let you." But them freely, "because she has some Dorothy Ann noticed her anger as

"I like choice pansies too," said don't she think it's nice to have a lit-Hetty with a scowl upon her pretty the girl to buy pretty things for and to take good care of, and then to They went to the swing, where have her a-snappin' and a-snarlin' gruppled when the others and a-scowlin' and a-makin' people wanted to take a turn. Then to the wherever she goes wish she was a croquet ground, where things went on thousand miles away! Don't you dy so long as Hetty was on the think she's proud of havin' such a

and finally threw down her mallet | your pretty blue eyes all red, and your forehead all crumpled up so you Long before tea-time Jesse and might iron it out, and your mouth Tom and Polly began to wonder if it that was made to smile and laugh all was so very delightful a thing after puckered? Don't you know that all to have a cousin from the city to there's wolves alookin' out of your visit them; and before the first week | eyes when there ought to be lambs was gone everybody on the place had and doves? Don't you know the words you speak are like so many Hetty could be very sweet and snakes and toads a droppin' out of pleasant while things were exactly to your mouth? And what do you her liking, but unless she could have s'pose"-Dorothy Ann's voice grew her own way in everything her frowns | solemn-"the good Lord thinks when and complaints were ready at a mo- he looks at that little heart of yours ment's notice. She had never been that he give you to keep full of sweet. taught to take any thought for others, | ness and lovin' kindness, and to make and her little cousins found it very you a comfort instid of a trial to hard to endure all her whims and ill folks-what does he think do you humors. They were very dutifully s'pose when he sees it all blotted and anxious to heed all mamma's remind stained up with all sorts of hateful

ers that it was their place to give up thoughts?"
to their guest, but she herself could Hetty had never taken her eyes not help seeing that Hetty made sore from Dorothy Ann's face, and now demands upon their patience, as she seemed to have said her say,.
One day there was a picnic, to and went back to her work as if nothwhich all the children looked forward | ing had happened, it came over her for days, and for which great prepared very strongly that the next thing for rations were made. When all were her to do was to feel very much ready to go it was discovered that ashamed. With a little sob or two Hetty was wearing a pair of thin alip- she got off the floor and went out and lay down under an apple tree.

"Oh, my dear," said mamma, "you There Dorothy Ann found her, an will be rough ground and perhaps "Poor little creetur! She's tired the herome of a story we heard one clean out," Dorothy Ann had for day in a distant city. She was a pros-Hetty had made up her mind to some days been "bilin' over for a perous woman. Her busband had won

"I do declare, I'm most afraid to tcrested. "And a czeek where we fish and see Hetty!" said Tom, as the picnic

"It's awful cold up there," remarked the officer discouragingly.
"I don't care for that."

I am writing you, dear young friends, a "true and true story;" but | yetoor and screamed.

At the first howl, Dorothy Ann dreadful thing he thought of doing—

"You!" The saleswoman's eyes filltook a chair, folded her arms, and sat looking at Hetty as if she were some held that poor man's hand, and said Then she tried to refuse this too great There was great rejoicing among the little ones at the farm when it was understood that cousin Hetty, who lived in the city, was coming to make a long visit. She was not very strong, and looking at Hetty as if she were some to him no, no; you shall not. Dear reader, it is your duty to take care of your health and life, thus guarding your health and life, thus guarding your soul which is the great Creator's breath; it is a part of God, hence it shall never die. Where shall it live? If you love the precious Savior He harder she kicked, the straighter Down when he thinks best. will be "forever with the Lord;" so of life again. happy and free from all sin, and care, and woe. This German when found said to the lady who had wrought this on the street by a policeman had in good work. his pocket a sealed letter containing these sad words: "If I come to my death by suicide it was all my own Washington, or I could not have givand a warm welcome.' Now for my story about

THIEVING WILLIE, who was a beautiful, curly-headed lit tle English boy, with soft blue eyes that won my heart and drew me into his mother's store to beg for him as a Sunday-school scholar. I gained ready consent, and delighted was I next Sabbath to have my little Cupid, as I lovingly named him, sitting closely by me in school and church, sometimes his head resting on my shoulder. It was his greatest pleasure to dine with

me, and mine to amuse him all of

Miss Hetty tried the fruit and said, to you, and little ones that's always itably away. On these occasions he would clasp me tightly with his soft white arms and whisper, "When I be a big boy I will be a Baptist." In return I imprinted kisses on his rosy lips and asked God to make my pet scholar a noble Christian man, Long months thus glided by, bringing my little Willie old enough to assist his mother in the store. And O, what a pots of choice flowers and rich plants. Hanging baskets with long trailing vines dressed with bright buds and gay leaves festooned ceilings and gas chandeliers-indeed, the sweet intruders clambered everywhere. Without was a cool, shady garden crowded with roses, geraniums, and so many other fragrant, beautiful flowers that I dare not mention them all. Willie's mother was a florist, thus called for Flora-the goddess of flowers. Many a handsome bouquet did my generous

> You may like to read it and perhaps copy for some kind, tender teacher. Thy Form, thine Eye, thy gentle smile, For many days I may not see, Still wilt thou not sometimes the while.

My precious Teacher, pray for me?"

little boy bring me, but richer prized

was a "love note" he sent me on the

eve of his leaving his home for a visit.

Alas! my Willie returned to me never to be the same Willie! I fear he became acquainted with bad boys who taught him many wicked things and made him forget all my instructions. One day he went to the money drawer and commenced stealing by taking five cents, then ten, and so on until a very large sum, and then he was found out! My heart bleeds when I recall the poor mother's distressed, tear washed face when she solemnly and softly told me of the sad change in her once honest, truthful boy. If our culprit had only stopped just here and asked God's forgiveness, this day would have seen him a solace of his mother's old age and a bright ornament to society. Ah! Satan had won the little thief, and the last time I saw the gray-headed, wrinkled, and tremb ling mother she feared with bitter sobs that her Willie had ended his days on the scaffold! God help the

May every boy who reads this sad story be kept from crying out with the German, and Willie, too-all, all my own fault .- M. C. B., in Baptist

poor mother!

What She Did.

She, herself, thought it a little thing. his struggles shared his triumphs, and

dismayed as she had expected them to be.

"O, Hetty!" cried Jessie, "you must the long afternoon Dorothy Ann told of a delicate and refined woman, in not stay at home. It's lovely out funny stories and let her make mo- whom, through long dealing with her, our friend had become sincerely in

de and sail boats," said Tom.

party drew near home. And the chase at this store, and the young wo man came forward to serve her. But

must go home and be nursed." The dark, sad eyes of the saleswo-

man met hers with a mild surprise in "My home is in Washington," she answered. "Here I live in a boarding house, and am really more comforta-"I should say not," returned the officer. "And you might be eaten by your comtades."

"Is that so? That would be at the store than in my small living is dependent upon my weekly work."

and was living for the winter in a SELMA,

"I shall come for you to morrow, "Gone without me?" Hetty stood before commencing it let me tell you "I shall come for you to morrow," of a German who, last week in the she said. "I shall arrange here for ments, then flung herself down on the great city of New York, said, "I am your absence. I am going to take you

will say to you when he thinks best, tended like some beloved sister, un-"Child, come home," and then you til she was able to take up her burden

fault. I am no good in the world, and en up our bed; but I am such a good

Soul-Life.

There are many other kinds of life that are useful, but this is indispensa ble. A man is nothing, either for this world or the next, without it. Sets of men need it as much as the individu-al. The church must consider it es-

sential to its well being. There are congregations that live and grow when it seems to be wanting. They are among the most flourishing of their denominations or day, and attract wide and admiring attention. But they only last for a time. When some extraneous influence that kept them up is withdrawn they begin to fail, and by a regular process of decay sink away and disappear. The real life is the soul life, and it is only when this is possessed in a controlling way by a society of people that they can make real progress, or even maintain their integrity.

In all religious work this needs to be remembered. There is a strife aflovely store it was! Every nook and ter eloquent preachers, fashionable kept calling for more, and, when Tom tellin' her children the same likewise, corner was adorned with vases and churches, cultivated choirs, imposing rituals, the thought being that success will be in proportion to the way in which these are provided. Butif they bring temporary assistance, in the end they fail. When the real thing is wanting they prove their secondary character by the poverty of their results.

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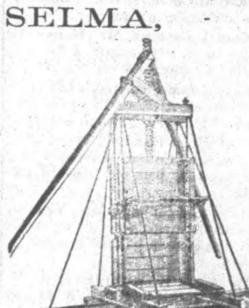
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