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[Published by Request.] I am before you, young brethren, nation, and justification by faith alone, shall the righteous do ?" Any one of request important, and in harmony with the pleasure of the President of Howard College, to deliver the first of an irregular series of Theological Lectures which may be given you by different brethren during your present session. And I have chosen to invite your attention to the vital importance of standing by the old symbols of faith in presecuting the great life work which you propose to undertake, and for which you are now in course of preparation.

I mean by "the Old Symbols of Faith," the grand fundamental Artiwhich eighteen centuries have fortified the position of the Church of God, and which have been tested by conflict with every form of error in every age of the Christian era, and which have ever been held as constituting the bulwarks of Protestart Christendom, and are so recognized to day. And as touching our own denominational credenda, I mean those distinctive truths which have always lain at the bottom of our church order and ordinances, distinguishing us from other Christian

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who are now soon to pass away, are profoundly anxious over the fact that they are leaving their sons in the gospel, surrounded by a false condition of things which urges a surrender of these old symbols of faith, and de mands a retreat to new positions and a search for new doctrines. Any father in the natural relations of life as he passes away, cannot fail to be deeply concerned about the future history of his boy and the estate for which he has spent his life, and especially to when he sees that that boy has to contend with new difficulties new issues, and new phases of life who as a last service, buckles the war harness on his stripling son, and sends him forth to battle for the holy land, must be gravely agitated as he discovers that the enemy comes on with increasing forces, with new tactics, with improved implements of war, and strikes from a new point of as-

The retiring ministry of the current age see the enemy coming in like a flood. The Apostles had to meet the effete and fallen forms of Judaism and the ancient forms of Paganism; the coadjutors of the Reformation contended with the heresies and ceremonies of a fallen Christianity; and the ministry of this age-and especially of the age now opening on us,have to meet a cold and heartless unbelief, fostered by the assumptions of superior learning. We have contended with sin in its grosser forms of vice and immorality fostered by ignorance; and while our ministerial successors still have all this in stalwart form before them, they are called upon to meet a current of popular sentiment in addition, which demands the abandonment of doctrines which we had supposed to be settled forever; and it is insisted by many learned and well disposed people, that the very foundations of our religion are open questions. And it is a most painful sign of the times that men who wear the livery of Heaven, and stand as teachers of religion, admit that our grand old Bible is on trial with the odds against it. And it is a further significant fact, that those who assail evangelical religion from the assumptions of higher learning, almost invariably address themselves to the clergy. With a complacency as de- so little. We, however, are not the yout as that of an arch-bishop, and only class who know but little an effrontery as bold as the encyclicals | these subjects. The infidel scientist | of papal infallibility, they teach the himself admits that he delves in the clergy what must be preached, what mazes of conjectural inquiry. Hymust be believed, and what this age potheses problematics! and conjectof advanced thought demands that ures!-this is the best that he can do, will allow. You should try to be fa- puts it, "We are too liable to overthey shall do.

Proposition for Compromise.

cede the necessary existence of relig-

and form a saintly truce with them, the intellectuality of the land, and ceptive plumage, and will not be truths, and preaching them as the

tament, and the first three Gospels, has not thought on such subjects. and the Epistle of James, with the nated from the sacred Scriptures, be- | will defend his own truth. It is cause they too frequently assume that preacher's business to proclaim it they speak and write by revelation to proclaim it as if there were not will not insist that "life and immor-lopen the door of utterance. If he in the revelation of the spirits through your steps and force the necessity. the medium more reliable than the afflatus of the Bible; and provided for another class you will concede example here. In his conflict with that the lessons of a fossil are superior to the lessons of Moses, and the ways answer the attacks of his enerevelations of the rocks and of the

teachers than both Testaments. Oppositions of Science.

Prof. Tyndale, in his famous Bel-

fast Lecture, arrays the preten-

Man," after putting forth a batch of of their inmost souls. but atheism, he closes with such complimentary references to Christianity day. as would do credit to the village pastor; indeed it seems that he reaches his peroration from a hermit's cell and not from the study of an infidel scientist. The physical sciences in forced to protest against the Mosaic story of creation as untrue. At least they will maintain that Moses did not write history, but an allegory; the ory of creation is an allegory of the estem of development under natural aws without Supreme intelligence. It is assumed that Adam never existed and therefore never sinned, but the story of man's fall is an allegory meant to teach us that to violate law the Genesis of the human family as stated by Moses, is only a mistaken view of the grand process of evolution which brought us up, possibly from an oyster bed, possibly from the monkey, possibly from some lovely germs of the vegetable kingdom, possibly from the star-dust which has been cast off by other planets through infinite ages, and these sublime molecules gathered by their native forces of attraction, and made to produce animal life from natural causes, and the whole fed on some mysterious protoplasm, the cosmos of the globe is made out, (?), and in the survival of the fittest this lord of creation, out of whom we sometimes develop a preacher, stands before us a perfect man! Let us rejoice that, after all, possibly we can trace our cosmogony to the stars; and thus finding that we came, not from the dust of the earth, but from the dust of the stars, let it animate us that it still true that one star differeth from another star in glory according to the

With all the glory of the red light of Mars!" Why Allude to This ? Pardon me, my brethren, I know you did not expect this allusion to a form of error about which we know The tacit proposition from them is, foot, he only insists that you shall, for that they will agree with you if you the present, concede that the founda- ble; it is your privilege to be familiar in their daily work. They want disnothing new in the true inwardness Confucius, and of the False Prophet, will have to contend; first, because it your duty to covet the best gifts, and Mr. Webster's expressed wish-that and of Darwinism, equally good with adjourns the contest from the domain to adorn those gifts for the glory of the might hear the plain simple gospel the religion of the Bible.

of the warm, aching heart to the cold God. He who keeps God's honor in when in the house of God on the holy

ratio of the precious molecules which

organize in our constitution and

evolved man.

The use which I have for its introso called rappings and writings of de- duction here, is to remind you of the parted spirits. The writings of Paul infinite importance of the great first are poor sinners down here on the are to be set aside because he says principles of our holy religion. "If earth too much abo priginal sin, predesti- the foundations be destroyed, what The writings of Peter are to be pro- these "oppositions of science, falsely scribed for the most part for similar so-called," may hore the hole which reasons. And the writings of John will spring the leak that may sink are to be rejected for the reason that your faith out of sight in conjecture he insists too much on the divinity of and doubt. I insist that it is the duty Christ, the necessity of faith, regener- of the ministry to stand in the old tion, and the office work of the Holy paths and proclaim the old truths; I Spirit; and all these are to be elimi- do not say, defend the truth. God and inspiration of the Spirit of God, infidel on the earth. When God A large class of restless spirits, of needs to set a Paul for the defence of whom Mr. Owen has been a leading the gospel he will find one. It may star, will join you in advocating reve- be that you are one; if so, your Maslation and immortality, provided you | ter will appoint the field of battle and tality are brought to light Jalone in tends that you shall preach the gospe cles of Evangelical Christianity, with the gospel," and provided you will in Rome, or fight with wild beasts at agree that the seance is an improve- Ephesus, or stand among the classic ment on the college of Apostles, and scenes of Mars Hill, he will direct

The Lord Jesus, as the perfect model preacher, set us an instructive the unbelief of his age he did not al mies, except to denounce them as earth's strata are far more reliable false teachers who were leading the people to destruction. And while he often passed captious and skeptical questions unanswered, he plunged into the secret thoughts of his foes, sions of skeptical science in terrific showing them that he understood war with the clergy, and then in his their feelings of opposition, and that Birmingham Lecture on "Science and he could read the unuttered queries deductions which can mean nothing Spirit comprise the Omnipotent and Alwise Searcher of hearts until this

A Dogmatic Book. The Bible is a most dogmatic book It rarely ever discusses anything. propounds its doctrines and its hi tory in independent declarations, sus the hands of skeptical learning, are tained by the authority of Jehovah and leaves men to receive its dogmas as the verity of God, or reject them at the loss of their souls, "If our gospel be hid it is hid to them that are lost," It is still true that the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness, but to the believe it is the power of God and the wis dom of God. The eternal "I Am" has declared, "My word shall not return unto me void; it shall accomis the common way with man; and plish that whereunto I sent it, and i shall prosper in the thing which I please." Here is our encouragement to preach the gospel, not in the willingness of man's heart to receive the gospel, but in the power of God to conquer the heart-the power of God's Spirit to send his word as two-edged sword into the centre of human consciouspess, and leave it quivering there until that heart shall cry out for the living God. Therefore those who undertake the preaching of God's word should speak that word very plainly. "Our sufficiency is of God," and this is our strength. We are to preach the plain old story of Jesus and his love, assured that as many as are "ordained to eternal life will believe."

Popular Demand.

And therefore the popular demand

for new theories and themes and styles; the wish of the itching ear for sensational preaching; the declaration that we must have a new order of things with new doctrines to lift us out of the old ruts, which means an abandonment of the fundamental principles of Christianity,-all this shine in our life. And thus all nature and all science will sing of this condemned. It is our duty to bring before our people things both new old; to avail ourselves of everything in harmony with the truth, which will give us power with the people. Read everything-that is, provided you can with any more safety than they could the sentence of God's judgment handle an asp. You have a right to his Word brings that soul to feel, become learned. It is your duty to | \* "the farther off I go, which faith can rest the sole of her investigation, and travel the whole men of intellectual culture want.

also finding its lucking places in a satisfied unless he can meet the popubible (?) of fragments of the Old Tes. lower style of mind, which hitherto lar demand and make his flights among the stars. We should never forget that the men we are trying to save

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1. And now, my brethren, in condeduction or the well tried symbols of Christian faith, are in conflict with any branch of true learning.

was, in his learned work on the "Concommits a mistake in conducting almost his entire investigation in controversy with the Vatican. Roman Catholicism with him is religion. He seems to see the Christian religion in nothing else; and then we are all held to account for the conflict between science and religion! The cruel persecutions under false forms of Christianity which have cursed the world and dishonored Christendom, together with the ignorant prejudices which have often held sway over vast districts of the earth in union with the civil power, are arrayed against science and liberal learning, and this is called s conflict between religion and science! The minister of the gospel must not commit the mistake of replying as in pposition to science, or as conceding that there can possibly be any conflict between true learning and true religion, or between science and the word of God. The God of the Bible and of Bible religion is the God of science. The present state of scientific discovery may be in conflict with somebody's religion, and doubtless it is in conflict with the unscriptural dogmas of some forms of faith; and by infidel scientists it may be forced to bear testimony against the holy Scriptures, but the correct exegesis of the word of God will stand in harmony with, and in beautiful propinquity to, all real science. Therefore let not the gospel preacher be afraid of science; let him not make haste to admit the existence of the conflict. And when questions arise that are too deep and weighty, too dark and mysterious for him, as they often will, he should not look through the darkness and the mystery at the word of God, but let him look through the word of God at the darkness; test not your Bible

Know the Scriptures 2. In order to the best use of thi test the minister of the gospel must be "mighty in the Scriptures," and, as far as practicable, posted in all departments of knowledge relating to the Scriptures. This is his most important intellectual attainment-that he shall "know the holy Scriptures' -that he shall know them thoroughly;

by the questionings of men, but try

that he shall have his mind stored with the text of the word of God; that he shall understand the bearing of the text on all doctrines; that he shall know what it has to say on all subjects, and that he shall be so familiar with this that he can readily draw from that quiver at any time the very arrow needed, and send it forth as the missile of the Lord against the enemies of righteousness.

With the precise language of the Holy Spirit, or as nearly so as possi ble, with the analysis of the human heart as there found; with the utterances of condemnation and consolation with which it abounds, and proshould be bravely avoided and stoutly claimed in the incomparable eloquence of holy men, who spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost, the minis ter enters the domain of the heart and away at the bar of man's soul, and the Holy Ghost sends that word into take up serpents and not get bit. the very life thereof, and in spite of Some men can handle false doctrines erudite infidelity, in spite of the deep with perfect safety; others cannot depravity and unbelief of that soul,

get wisdom, to get understanding, to The swing of justice deals the mightier blow," become as scholarly as circumstances | As the late Dr. Francis Wayland especially to master our own grand gations, and render the Sabbath

it him personally. Read Thoughts of the Sciences.

The late Prof. John William Draper, of New York, grand man that he are to be found in the word of Nelson's Letters on Infidelity cated this for the plain reader the first thoughts of all science found in its declarations. No scientific writer on education has inpted to surpass the Savior's docof the evolution of the Christian in the life of a man. First, the linating grain of seed corn, then tender blade coming through the h's surface, then the strong young then the shoot or sheath for the and then the full corn in the ear; thus he illustrates the process of Holy Spirit in so using the incorible seed of the divine word as ring the sinner to the measure o stature of the fullness of Christ mark you, "its seed was in itself," ras true of the trees, and grass, all animal life, in the waters, on and, and in the feathery heavens beginning when God created planet, every variety of every les carried its seed within itself lat, it brings forth after its kind, under the natural laws of God i etuates its own succession, and

forever, and the gates of hell the Church, or their legitimate offspring. And this same principle scientifically involves as a certainty the doctrine of a glorious resurrection "That which thou sowest is not quickened except it die," and then "God giveth it a body as it hath pleased him, and to every seed his own body. the queries and cavilings of men by "It is sown in dishonor; it is raised in glory." And so if you follow it through the whole realm of human thinking, it will be found that the very seed thoughts of the sciences gloriously cluster around or grow out of the sublime truths of our religion. which must forever stand as the

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tries; and as was true of the

s of nature, so of the word of

and the Church of God, "whose

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science of the sciences. The Old Symbols.

3. Not only familiar with the word of God, further, it is of great imporproper conception of the old symbols of faith as they lie bedded in the Christian literature of the past and of the present times. For it is against these that the combined forces of socalled advanced thought direct their continued assaults. Take a few of these as illustrations,

Standing out in all ages will be found the declaration that the sacred canon has God for its Author, salvation for its end, and truth with out any admixture of error for its matter. Man must have infallibility as the basis and guide of his faith. Roman Catholicism is a powerful sys- Paul must have preached as a Bapchurch and in the papal see; evangel- ble are called." ical Christianity lodges infallibility in the word of God. Concede the mistakes of copyists, and interpretations, and errors of translations, still if it be who can sink a shaft, or tunnel a possible to get back to the original mountain, or mine the rocks, or dive record, you will there have the rev- to the ocean's bottom, but as well elation and inspiration of God as in- they hang in the rich clusters of fallible as God is infallible. And Eschol, are found in the rose of when this is denied it is absolutely Sharon and the lily of the valley, and impossible to set bounds to the ex- are perfected in the seamless gartent of that denial. History shows ment of the Son of God,-the mendinothing more plainly than it shows cant may touch and be healed. "And And while he has settled nothing on miliar with the advance of scientific estimate the sort of preaching that this. And so of the great Calvinistic as many as touched were made perdoctrines, which I would prefer to feetly whole." range of scientific theology if possi- They have enough of the intellectual call Pauline doctrines. In fact they are found far back behind Paul, found be thoroughly trained and posted in will agree with them. With the show tions of your own faith have been with the purest style of letters, and courses directed to the heart, that smong all peoples, found in the Old the distinctive views of his denomiof great condescension, they will con- overturned. And yet, while there is to master the sacred languages, and will make them feel their moral obli- Testament as well as in the New, nation. I think I meet some Baptist heart. They all gather around the tivation, who, though they preach be no authority worthy of his regard, iosity and that it is a good thing, provided you will consent that the religvided you will c iosity of classic Paganism, and of error with which the rising ministry based on pure knowledge. Vea, it is member that this was the nature of of God who works all things after the any attention to the distinctive princounsel of his own will. The proph- ciples of our people. This is inex- chine. Without divine sovereignty

DAY, JANUARY 8, 1885. ers did, as Paul and Peter did, the Church-that the existence of the sching "the truth as it is in Jesus," Church contemplates a converted ching "the truth in love," we membership, is the leading distinct- rights of the laity, personal responsiin the ecstasies of glorious suc- ive doctrine of our own denomination; bility in matters of religion, and the your strictures on the "Baptist Ball," realize that "God always causeth it appears with its earnest protest and much tried questions concerning bapo triumph in Christ." There is demand through all the ages of Christism, are all virtually settled in our andition of heart or mind known tian advancement, and stands to day favor is history of human consciousness as a great recognized triumph in all a is not addressed, searchingly Protestant Christendom, You, my resed, in the word of God. No brethren, cannot afford to be unsetday in an honest and intelli- tions. It has been said by a distin-

work of the Spirit, the doctrines of good man. The question is on us grace, the ordinances of baptism and 10 whether religious organizations of the Lord's supper, and on Christian parts of all sects, and leading evan giving, and your people will have no gelists who claim connection with no ace and does not assume to be, convictions and no settled opinions sect, and who seem to aim to break on these great articles of faith.

The Baptist Ministry. 4. I devote the remaining part of this lecture to the proposition that it is pre-eminently the vocation of the Baptist ministry to stand by the old truths. Baptists have always been dependent on the power of truth for their very existence. We can safely fall back on nothing else. We have of the Bible may be questioned in the ever been a plain, unpretending republican or democratic people, making no profession of authority over men's consciences, having no authorized creed other than the New Testament, paying no obedient respect to councils or bishops, having no great church court to direct us or to unify us, we, of all others, can never lispense with that preaching which reaches the heart; with the faithful dispensation of that word which is he fire and the hammer that break the flinty rock, or that mould the hard steel; that word which is the author of simple ecclesiastical forms, plaindoctrines of great potency, and beautiful ordinances of most impressive symbolical significancy. Others may bind their ministers and churches by making these formulated symbols authoritative, and these being a sort of umpire may be an end to many union; but having no such bond of

union, and being left without machinery of commanding power, our ministry, whether with extensive or limited learning, must be Bible men. And though we have no authorized creed other than the New Testament, yet no people should stand more firmly by the consentient judgment of Evangelical Christendom than we. It has been the history of our fathers to stand there. With few exceptional cases our people have always unflinchingly maintained the recognized fundamental Articles of the Christian system. However far away and often others may diverge, we cannot afford to take the range. As these great Symbols are not by us formulated into an essential and binding creed we find it necessary to test them at every point by the word of God, and then with a freedom of will to hold them

but the more firmly. A distinguished minister of another denomination said to Mr. Spurgeon, "The truth lies deeply bedded in the solid rock; it takes learning and deep thinking to discover and bring out our position, whereas the Baptist position lies out on the surface of the Bible in plain view for the ignorant and illiterate." Mr. Spurgeon's ready reply was that Christ then must have preached as a Baptist, for "the common people heard him gladly," and tem made of the perversion of great tist, for he said that "not many wise truths. It claims infallibility in the men, not many mighty, not many no-

No, sir, God's Book is not sealed rom the masses. Its treasures are not hid in the depths for those only

Every minister of the Gospel should found to be the want of the human ministers of liberal education and cul- Without divine sovereignty there can ets appealed to these principles in the cusable. They should not only know he is a machine undirected. As an instance, Robert Dale Owen will address one hundred pages of one of his last books to the clergy, and the special field widely over and feel of the brain, and secondly, in the faith of their people; but also the day, teaching his conscience and leading his conscience and leading his pelled and sustained by the same of the faith of their people; but also the day, teaching his conscience and leading his conscience and leading his pelled and sustained by the same of the faith of their people; but also the day, teaching his conscience and leading his pelled and sustained by the same of the faith of their people; but also the day, teaching his conscience and leading his pelled and sustained by the same of the faith of their people; but also the day, teaching his conscience and leading high hours of greatest trial; and the great the faith of their people; but also the current of ecclesiastical and theological investigation as relating to that and the faith of their people; but also the current of ecclesiastical and theological investigation as relating to that and the faith of their people; but also the current of ecclesiastical and theological investigation as relating to that also the faith of their people; but also the current of ecclesiastical and theological investigation as relating to that also the faith of their people; but also the faith of their people; but also the current of ecclesiastical and theological investigation as relating to that also the faith of their people; but also the faith of their people; pelled and sustained by the same cal investigation as relating to that burning of a little straw may hide the

conflict over church government, the

And while the ghost of these disputes will rise occasionally and atdown all denominational boundaries, ministers, and their agencies as essential parts of the Kingdom of Christ, The question is on us as to how much of skepticism and heresy are to be tolerated in our pulpits and fellowshiped in our churches, and how far we are to concede that the integrity anced, by his presence, this "frolic," household of faith.

All these things affect our church ife and the integrity of our faith, and he rising ministry must either yield o them or confront them. Hence the tremendous importance of every Baptist minister's being substaintially and intelligently fixed in the principles of our faith.

Riding Hobbien. That minister is unwise who concludes that he must have a psalm and have a doctrine of his own,—that he must have a hobby on which to ride into distinction, or that he must at least sing the praises of some one else who has strided a hobby. Many an otherwise noble preacher has wrecked nimself on these hobbies. He feels that unless his hobby is established everything will be out of joint, and the first thing he knows he is all out of joint himself. I know that we are

rut-men, for such sentiments, "but none of these things move me;" the immemorial faith of our Baptist fathers is broad enough for me. have found that faith in lines of im mortal light in the word of God. has possessed a divinity which has world as an endorsement of their come down through the ages, asserting itself in the convictions of our ancestral confessors amid all forms and conditions of opposition, and has wrought out tais vast system and this that church members formed a very great people among whom we have the honor to live and to labor. After watching and searching for the third of a century, I stand among these young men to say that "the old is better.

Concluding Charge.

When this tongue is silent, young brethren, you may be rising to the meridian of your ministerial power citizens, were in the wrong place, I and splendor. Let me exhort you to "hold fast the form of sound words." "Walk about Zion; go round about her, tell the towers thereof: mark ve well her bulwarks, consider her palaces, that ye may tell it to the generations following. For this is our God forever and ever; he will be our Guide even unto death. "These things command and teach." Put vourself into them and let them take deep root in your heart. "Give attendance to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine. Neglect not the gift that

God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, \* breach the word, be instant in season, and out of season." Study-studybols of faith.

WITHOUT freedom there can be no responsibility and hence no sin

Religion cannot pass away. The The doctrine of the spirituality of clesiastical controversy has passed and will reappear. [Carlyle,

Bro. Editor: I was pleased with

given by Senator Joe Brown, of Georgia. It is proper, I think, for the editors of our denominational papers to enter their protest against all such conduct upon the part of those who are looked upon as leaders in our de tempt to affright us, our coming nomination. I heartily endorse all on community for seven years, will church life. You are to be tried with ministers of Atlanta, the questions of liberalism within and such an example as they have done, ination to enter its protest, and give nce your pulpit seven or ten tion, or to vitiate church membership, not approve of it. It grieves me very years on the divinity of Christ, the or to limit the church privileges of a much to know, that such men, - men who have occupied such a high place in the estimation and affections of their brethren, on account of their ability and reported piety, should bow to the god of fashion, and coun tenace, by their presence even, such are to be recognized as authorized revelry, as is reported to have taken place, at this so-called "reception"dancing and wine drinking It is to be hoped that the brother

who has recently taken charge of one of the leading churches in this State, and who, as report has it, countenwill see the error of his way, and refrain from giving the influence of his presence to similar frolics in Alabama. whether given by Baptists or anybody else. Baptists do not depend upon men who occupy high position for their existence, or their prosperity. It may be that some men in high position depend upon Baptists for their position, and if they do go back on their religion and their Baptist principles, and for the favor of the world are willing to compromise their character as Christians and as Baptists perhaps it would be well for Baptists to refrain from assisting them to positions, which seem to make them forget the old fashioned religion of the Bible, and of the fathers. But some one may say. You are meddling with something that concerns you not. answer-as Bro. Brewer has answered -it does concern me. It concerns every Baptist. These men have been looked upon as representative me They have no right by their action to endorse a practice which the denomination condemns. Silence upon the part of Baptist papers and Baptist ministers and the denomination generally, would be construed by the conduct. This thing was not done in a corner. It was published by the secular papers, one of which seemed to take pleasure in letting it be known important part of the company present at a "reception," where dancing and wine drinking were the distin-

guishing features of the occasion. The good old Book tells us, "Be not among wine bibbers." Our Baptist ministers and deacons and mem bers, whether senators, governors members of the legislature or private TOS. SHACKELFORD.

Trinity, Ala., Dec. 30, 1884.

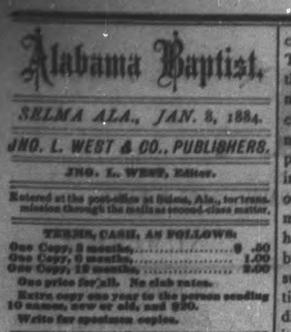
Dear Baptist: Being a reader of your most excellent paper, I desire to present through its columns a few thoughts for the Baptists generally, on the inconsistency of letting their deacons and prominent members get drunk and swear, and they are not excluded from the church. It is true if they are ruled, they shed a few tears, and even repeat and repeat it time and again. The inspired writer says no drunkard shall enter into the Kingdom of Heaven, A tree is "I charge thee therefore before known by its fruits. Again, "He that eateth and drinketh unworthily eateth and drinketh damnation to his own soul:" and you all commune to-"study to show thyself approved unto gether. Let one of your members God; a workman that needeth not to commune with a Pedo-baptist, who is be ashamed, rightly dividing the word good, honest, highly respected, and God, giving to each his portion." "In upright in all his walk, and he is not doing this, thou shalt both save thy- only ruled, but he is excluded entirely, self and them that hear thee." As a simply because he has communed Christian man, your first great busi with one who has not been immersed. ness shall be to "save yourself." And Now I want some one to show me as a Christian minister, your first which is the greater sin, to commune great buisiness is to "save them that with a drunkard or with an upright hear you." In order to this, in your Christian who feels that he has been life and in your ministry, maintain baptized with Christ's baptism, the the old truths; stand by the old sym- Holy Ghost, which has been poured out upon his soul until he feels that he is meet for his Master's use.

Please do not mistake me. I write for information not for argument. Wishing you an abundant success, am respectfully an observing

METHODIST.

Valley Home, Dec. 9, 1884. In prayer it is better to have a heart without words than words without a

I have learned more of experimenfaith. Within my recollection the ec- stars of the sky, but the stars are there tal religion since my little boy died than in all my life before .- Bushnell.



MAJ. J. G. HARRIS.

We announced in the last issue of our paper, that Maj. Harris had pur chased a half interest in the ALABAMA BAPTIST and would be associated with us in its publication. Our rela tion is simply a business one. Bro Harris will not move to Selma, as some have been led to suppose, nor will he have anything whatever to do with the editorial conduct of the paper. He will interest himself as much as possible in behalf of the enterprise by soliciting subscriptions as opportunity may offer, and in other ways, but his home will still be in Living

PROHIBITION and RELIGION

The question whether a religious man may allow his religion to affect his politics, is assuming such shape as to call upon us as religious journalists to take position. We have [reference at present to the temperance movement, and the more definite question is, whether a religious man shall be allowed to permit his convictions on the subject of temperance or prohibition to modify or shape his voting. We unhesitatingly answer, yes. Under certain circumstances he may be bound to do so.

We think that a great principle may be laid down of easy application to every case that can possibly arise. We take it that every Christian patriot and philanthropist is bound to support that party whose creed upor the whole embraces the largest amount of truth; just as he is bound to ally himself with that Christian denomina tion that comes nearest the divine model. No political party-no church -can be found, that does not teach or tolerate some error. The whole thing is a matter of approximation at

One man may conscientiously believe that the safety of our country is bound up with the idea of severely literal obedience to the letter of the law, constitutional and statute; another, that emergencies may arise, when the salvation of the country delaw;" and either may regard these principles of more moment than the expulsion of liquor from the country. So that the case may arise where he will be bound to look to the integrity of his party, at the expense of tolerating the evil of intemperance in its most monstrous form. If the greater good can be preserved intact, why then he must meet the huge evil in question by all his "might, power, and amity," by personal influence, voting and in every other way.

We take it that the mass of patriotic and thoughful men acted on the principle we are laying down in the late presidential election. Some men can see plainly only one thing at a time; others, take a broader view, who have had their senses exercised to discern good and evil. We offer no rebuke to those who bolted and voted for a prohibition candidate; they doubtless did it at the behest of conscience, however wisely or unwisely; unwisely we think. We shall rejoice when the time comes, that we can save our political convictionsimperil no grand interests-and vote with the prohibitionists,

## CARLYLE, ETC.

We have, perforce, read somewhat of this strange man's writings, first or last. Frequently, just ready to throw him aside, in long passages, "dry as dust," we would suddenly come upon something so graphic or profound as to arrest the impulse and set us going again. Surely there was never a style he has said nothing adding materially | ing flood the Gulf cities of our own edge;-and yet he has been read, and is read, and perhaps will be read, to an indefinite extent. Vigor of thought and power of expression often command attention, irrespective of matter or sentiment. This was illustrated even in the case of Dr. Johnson though a far better man and writing

in a far better style than Carlyle. We can never estimate Carlyle as a great man, either on the side of intellect or sentiment. He has struck out no great principles, thrown no new light on any, for the guidance of mankind; and his sentiments are unsound, and his dispositions coarse and uncharitable. He had considerable gower to pull down and destroy, little to construct or build up. We never admired the character.

If we are not mistaken, half the willers that make a temporary noise wid, render no permanent sal to so say, sustained only by Pushmataha,

capacity for "eloquent nothings," The rage for a few months or years tions are consigned to the cle for rubbish. Huge piles of ser nons are being published and ap-lauded, occasionally for their spirit ndeed, that nobody will read or know of in a few years. Why cannot the men of thought boil down what they have to say into readable volume? big book is on the average a big absurdity these days. We have some times been tempted to regret the discovery of the art of printing with its power presses, stereotypic, lithographic and electrotyping processes; and to wish that writers were remand ed to the waxed boards and stylus of the Greeks and Romans. No doubt hese slow processes saved their readers many a weary hour of search for thought amid an interminable jumble

Why should our newspaper writers take up a column where a paragraph night suffice? Who does not often give long articles the go-by? Who does not look for the short articles

### PENDING TREATIES.

Treaties, regarded mutually advan ageous, by the contracting parties, have been negotiated and communicated to the U.S. Senate, between Spain San Domingo, Mexico, and Nicaragua, and the United States. The admis sion of certain grades of sugar free, we see, is discomposing sugar growers in this country, and we have heard the admission of leaf tobacco, is having a like effect upon the city of Key West, built up mainly by cigar making. As a part of current events we note the following views of the president of the National Sugar Growers' Association at their late meeting in St. Louis. American Sugar-growers, "in their

early career, made sugar profitably. With increased experiences the way would have opened to them to increased profits, and the Northern sugar industry would soon have been put on a secure foundation. As though the recent great fall in prices was not in itself a sufficient calamity to American sugar interests, it was now proposed to form a sort of reciprocity treaty with Spain, and to open the ports of Cuba and Porto Rico to America, and admit sugar grown on these islands free of duty. If that treaty were ratified the United States Government would lose \$50,000,000 of duty collected on sugar, and still for the desperate inquiry we so often the price of sugar would not be lesssell no lower than just to shade the price of sugar in other markets. The 50,000,000, too, would have to be collected from duties imposed on other commodities. The Spanish planters would therefore derive all the benefit and the consumers would be no better off. The American sugar industries would be sacrificed to build up the interest of the Spanish plant

We may however expect that all these treaties, however finally shaped, will greatly quicken trade between the countries immediately concerned and the United States, vastly to the mutual benefit of all. Meanwhile, we have confidence that the Senate will sanction nothing unjust to any part of the country.

The treaty with Nicaragua, providing | those before. for a joint ownership between that country and the United States, to the exclusion of all others, in the proposed ship canal, will be a decided move on the line of the Monroe doctrine, and inaugurate, if carried out, an imposing addendum to the once much contested doctrine of internal improvements by the General Govern ment. Yet, like the purchase of Louisiana by Mr. Jefferson, it will possibly be justified by the vast interests involved. The Isthmus will, at no distant day, be on the line and constitute an important part of the great thoroughfare between the East and West, destined to scatter along its path a profusion of wealth unknown before in the world's history. Poured of old through those countries, this golden stream built Persepolis, "Tadmor of the wilderness," Constantinople, Rome, Venice, and their sisters, and will reach with the same fertilizcountry. Let it come

How far the proposed Nicaraguan treaty may contravene the provisions of the Clayton-Bulwer treaty, we are not sufficiently informed as to the stipulations of that instrument to form an opinion. It is, however, understood that some act of the British government has morally relieved our government of the necessity of rigorously and literally oberving the terms to preach better, and be better, and of that treaty as originally intended.

Dr. Tucker resumes his old connection with the Christian Index. We concerned, and there are many of them. The "little sister" over in Alabama has always wished her elder Crumpton, Jan. 1st, 1885. ster over in Georgia well.

"A happy new year to the ALA-Hiden, Lexington, Ky. Thank you.

Bro. J. D. Cook's address hereafhey have nothing new or ter will be Cuba Station instead of GOV. BROWN'S RECEPTION

We have in hand a number of communications on this subject, some in defense of Gov. Brown and those who attended his reception, and some not think it worth while to publish more on the subject than appears in in Atlanta, gives us the true version of the affair. Others have assured us that the article from which we quoted was a misrepresentation. One of those present at the reception avers that he neither saw nor heard anything which could give a shadow of truth to the allegation that there was dancing or wine bibbing on the occasion. are glad to be able to make this explanation, and we are sure that every Christian reader will rejoice with us. Bro. Tichenor will please pardon us for printing his letter instead of giving the facts in an arttcle of our own, as he expected we would do.

OUR Savior's illustrations of "th expulsive power of a new affection,"of the finding of a hidden treasure to purchase which everything else is sold of the purchase of one great pearl at the expense of all the less valuable ones, -is familiar. The simple meaning is that the true convert to Christianity finds a value in his new profession that outweighs all other values that satisfies as all else cannot satisfy. It is the supreme good, adapted precisely to gratify and satisfy the utmost cravings of the human soul.

If what we possess does not answer these ends we may gravely doubt whether we have not mistaken the shadow for the substance. If our religion is a mere relief in the pros pect of death and judgment to come and not daily manna on which the soul constantly feeds, a perennial source of comfort and joy, either it is fnot genuine or we have lost our first love, in the naturally bewitching influences of the things of sense-"the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eye, and the pride of life."

We are afraid the middle wall partition between the church and the world, that, as a denomination, we have regarded ourselves especially set to defend, is, in many cases, being broken down: that our boast of a converted church membership is in danger of turning out a vain boast; that thousands of sincere persons, active and influential among us, are mistaken, having known nothing of spiritual religion; that this may account meet, What harm is there in this, that ened, as the Spanish planters would or the other questionable practice? We would answer all such inquiries in general terms by asking in turn, How is it that this inordinate craving can fill a soul already possessed and absorbed by nobler enjoyments than earthly things can give? Why hungering and thirsting while fed with

> the bread of enternal life? These reflections have been suggested by the events of the holidays just past. We fear many Christians have been so far led away by the example and influence of those who assign a secondary place to their religion, as to seriously cripple them in the prospect for the work of the new date we are beginning to write. If w have been ensnared, let us disentangle ourselves, and forgetting the things which are behind, press forward to

> WE are enjoying hugely the sprighty and discriminating article appearing in the Religious Herald over the signature, "A Woman," The brethren, fresh from the Seminary, who think their "circumstances" alter cases, had better look to their laurels and their Greek too. Holding as they do, some of them, that women can speak in public, they will presently learn, this is a specimen, that they can write as well. We have often had occasion to admire the childlike faith of our sisters. It is refreshing to meet people who believe that God in his word says what he means and means what he says, and when we get at the real text of the Bible we have the veritable words of the Lord. Such simple faith contrasts refreshingly even with certain oracular diliverances of great men whose cautious march reminds us of a "regiment of cavalry shod with

sooner. The Providence meeting was all that I wished for it, except the absence of some brethren. Fortune, Drew, and Curry, and the rainy Sabbath. I needed the meeting and my people needed it. We will never forget it. If such meetings could be often held it would greatly help our pastors. We would all be stimulated study more, and labor harder. And what great good would come to our seenly enjoyed I think of the final erally advocated, and a greater inter-Sabbaths never end."-W.

"A cablegram to Dr. Board. Liberty, Va., brings the news of the BAMA BAPTIST and to you."- J. C. safe arrival of Mrs. John H. Eager at Rome. Letters from my sister, Mrs. J. M. Joines, tell of their arrival in son or room for croaking? If so, it Yokahoma, safe, well and happy certainly must be in exceptional ca-They are doubtless in Tung Chow ses. before now."-Geo. B. Bager, Mobile. If, then, the

Board of Ministerial Education

On the jist of December last the

Board held a meeting for the purpose of reviewing its work, and to prepare for the work awaiting it. The review was gratifying. Three of the young men accepted by the Board have found it impracticable to Jeave home thir this paper. Bro. Tichenor, who lives | winter. We give below the names of the ministerial students in the State J. W. Hamner, H. R. Schramm. J. Preston, R. L. Baker, R. M. Hunter, W. J. Elliott, L. M. Bradley, 1 W. Dunaway, J. M. Thomas, J. H. Pope, J. M. Kailin, H. C. Sanders I. W. McCollum, M. G. Campbell, W. O. Dawson, J. E. Herring, A. B. Spidle, W. S. Culpepper, J. G. Mc-Clerkin, W. H. Connel, --- Herring. O. J. Waldrop, M. T. Branham, W. A. Hobson, J. G. Lowery, J. W. Moore, J. R. Tarrant, H. H. Horton, L. G. Skipper. From various sources we have gratifying reports of these young men as to character, capacity and faithful-The Mess Hall, under the manage-

ment of Bro. and Sister Sanders, is meeting our expectations. We were fortunate in securing their services. We make the following extract from private letter from Bro. Renfroe: "The ministerial class without ex-

ception—as it seemed to me—is com posed of fine looking and promising young men. I took breakfast with them at the Mess Hail, and found a real good breakfast in quality, quantity and preparation." This Hall, at an expense of \$200, has been comfortably furnished by a number of noble godly women belonging to different churches in the State. The prompt ness and liberality with which the la dies responded to the appeal of the Poard in this direction is most highly appreciated. Up to date the Board has met without delay, every claim that has been made upon it. We thank God, look forward, and take

The work before us is to provid for our ministerial students until the close of the session. On the first of February it is estimated that we will need \$1,200. We would have it dis tinctly understood that this amount is not in addition to the amount we asked for in the beginning, but what remains to be collected of the amount stated in our first appeal to the denomination. Will not brethren send the amount needed to the Treasurer, T. L. Hudgins, at Birmingham, with in a few weeks. We will need it as soon as it can be sent.

It is hoped that there will be no interruption in the series of lecture for which the Board is providing The Board is most grateful to B Davidson for the valuable service in is rendering to the ministerial students in Howard College.

We appeal most earnestly, and asl for a prompt and liberal response.

W. C. CLEVELAND. 1885.

To the Baptists of Alabama: By permission of Bro. West, I wish

to address you briefly in regard to the work before us, in the present year. 1884, with its records of good and evil, is numbered with all the years that have come and gone. So far as it concerns our own State and denomination, in many ways it has been a fruitful year, freighted with many good results. For instance, a kind Father has blessed our cause by increasing our numbers and revivifying those who hitherto have been neither cold nor hot. He has sent into our State some earnest workmen, noble spirits, Frost, Wharton, Davidson, and perhaps others. The labors of these ambassadors in our important centres, Marion, Selma and Montgomery, will be sensibly felt, and no doubt crown-

ed with abundant success. Another encouraging thought, our denominational schools were never in more flourishing condition. The Howard, Judson, Alabama Central, all are moving onward, keeping abreast with the times, and doing a grand work in developing minds that are soon to take our place. May Heaven's richest benedictions rest upon the labors of Murfee, Frazer, Yancey and their efficient corps of

Our ministerial education system "I say now what I should have said is proving a success, and a number of excellent, pious young men are preparing for a life-work in the ministry. In nearly every part of the State the agricultural harvest has been good; corn is generally plentiful; cotton has brought a fair price-money is more abundant, and can be had on easier terms. on good paper, than at any time since the war. We are sustaining friendly relations with all the nations of the earth, and our people are, perhaps more cheeful than they have been since 1860. Education is more genest is manifested in good schools i Alabama among all classes, than ever B. before. Have I drawn the picture cor rectly? Is not the status of the peop and country as above stated? I think so. Then, if these things be true, and they will not be denied, is not the outlook encouraging? Is there any rea-

with so many encouragements, so many Divine blessings, ought we for me moment, to healtate to enter upon the duties of the new year with se doubled energies, and hearts full of gratitude to our Heavenly Father, and with an enkindled zeal in his cause? Brethren, let us lay our vows afresh upon the altar of Labor, let us infuse new inspiration into our work and determine to do more than we have ever done. Let us units our effort and push forward all the enterprises of the denomination. I am justified in saying that there are two brethren in our State who are doing their whole duty. They may not succeed to the satisfaction of all-for some will complain, however perfect the work done. Those two men to whom I allude are T. M. Bailey and Jno. L. West. Within the past few months ! have learned something of the work they do, and in some measure their labors are different, yet the obstacles with which they meet are similar. They have to deal with so many men differing in sentiment, in education, in training in love, that sometimes exceptions are taken, when none are intended. To be the secretary of the State Mission Board and editor of a denominational paper, are two offices I would advise every man to avoid unless he is even tempered, good natured, full of charity, forgivness, long-

suffering,-all these, and more. I wish to say just here, and in conclusion, that the work of the ALA-BAMA BAPTIST is one of the most important and most necessary of all our enterprises, for it is a medium of communication through which the work of the State can be unified, and every other fostered enterprise encouraged and increased. Hence, the denomination should strive to double the subscription list, or more. A copy of it ought to be placed in the hands of every Baptist family in the State. Just in proportion as the circulation of the paper increases, in equal proportion will good results follow, and the denomination prosper. Let every subscriber determine he or she will next 30 or 60 days. It can be done. I will pledge twenty new subscribers within that time. PERSEVERANCE.

Gov. Brown's Reception.

Dear Bro. West: I was sorry to see in your paper of recent date, an editorial and a communication reflecting upon Brethren Hawthorne, Mc-Donald, and Wharton. I am sure you had no intention of doing injustice to these honored brethren, and that nothing but a misapprehension of the facts could have induced you to admit the articles alluded to into your columns.

The simple facts are that Governor Brown after his recent re-election to the U.S. Senate by the Georgia Legislature, gave a "reception" to many of his friends throughout the State. As his home was not sufficiently large to accomodate the invited guests, commodious apartments in the city were secured for the occasion. To this 'reception" the brethren named were invited and, in common with many other Christian ministers and members of all denominations, they attended, to do honor to a friend and brother so highly esteemed

They assure me that if there was dancing they did not see it. They spent an hour or so in conversation with the Governor and the assembled guests, partook of the supper prepared for them, and returned home without dreaming that they had in any respect violated the proprieties becoming to Christian ministers, or given the slightest occasion of offence to Christian brethren.

They had no reason to suppose that anything improper would attend this reception given by a Christian man, a member of their own denomination, and as they would have been wanting in courtesy had they declined to accept the invitation. They saw nothing while present which was a violation of Christian propriety, and they are surprised and grieved that their own denominational papers should, without any other evidence than the statement of a partizan editor, in another State, whose purpose it mani-They are noble men. Neither our own, nor any other Christian community, contains those more worthy of confidence and respect. Their friends and themselves are grieved that you did not make inquiry of somebody who could apprise you of all the facts before you proceeded to

condemn them unheard. ren in high esteem, and that you are most admirable writers of English both ready to make full reparation that I have ever personally known. for the unintentional injury you have He was full of warm and brotherly

a statement of the facts contained in courtecus in all his dealings with this letter as you may think is re- them. And yet he was a staunch quired by the existing circumstances. Your brother, I. T. TICHENOR.

Atlanta, Ga.

eaking his mind is the first always to kick when he finds anybody else exercising the "Bigotry" and "Charity." BY REV. J. C. HIDEN, D.D.

In his "Memoir of the Rev. Thos Toller," Robert Hall has the following thoughtful and suggestive para-"It was his delight to narrow the

grounds of debate among sincere Christians, to multiply the points of contact, and to detect the indications of spiritual consanguinity and of common origin, amid the discrepencies which arise from real diversity of sentiment in some instances, and a diversity of language in more. Whether this benevolent solicitude to comprehend within the pale of salvation as many as possible may not sometimes have led him to extenuate the Supper. They have with remarkable danger of speculative error too much, may be fairly questioned. Since the charity which the Scriptures so earnestly inculcate consists in a real solicitude for the welfare of others, not in thinking well of their state, he cannot be justly accused of a violation of its dictates who contends that those doe. made them bigots. No body of trines are essential to salvation on which his own hopes of it are exclusively founded."

In this last sentence we have one of the finest examples of keen and being for differing from them in matdiscriminating analysis that we have seen in the works of the great Robert | that I have never known an intelli-Hall. It furnishes an excellent text for the discussion of the subjects that charged with bigotry. Their very compose our title

We are firmly persuaded that most people look upon bigotry as necessarily connected with the "creed" of the supposed bigot, A man holds a strict creed is called a "big- belief is the essence of bigotry. ot;" while he of the loose creed is persuade many Protestants that any thorough-going Roman Catholic can be other than a bigot. His creed is live and die outside of the pale of "the Church."

A great many excellent Methodists, and not a few good Presbyterians find get one other subscriber during the it hard to think that a man can sincerely believe and consistently practise what is called "close communion," and not be a bigot. I have heard an educated gentleman, who ought to have known better, say in a private conversation: "Of course the intelligent people among the Baptists do not believe in close, communion. Only the ignorant hold it." My friend did not intend to call me ignorant; he improvement upon natural religion.' took it for granted that I did not believe in close communion. Indeed, he had made up his mind (or had got it made up for him), that no intelligent broad-minded Christian could believe and practise "close communion"that it was the badge of ignorance

When an intelligent Pedobaptist learns that such men as John A Broadus and James P. Boyce really do believe in restricted communion, and stand ready to contend for it on Bible grounds, he is apt to look upon such a fact in the same wondering frame of mind with which he notes the fact that such a man as Chief-Justice Roger B. Taney, of the United States Supreme Bench, could be a Roman Catholic.

We hear much of the "uncharitable" views of the "close communionists"-much of the "uncharitable" creeds of the High Church Episcopalians, and of the "Landmark" Baptists; as if charity were a constituent of one's speculative beliefs, or an element of one's "creed."

Let any fair-minded Protestant read any authentic life of Fenelon, the great French Bishop and author. and ask himself if Fenelon was lacking in Christian charity, or if he ought held and acted upon the infallibility of the Pope. Who can for a moment imagine that Pascal was a narrow bigot? But he was a Roman Catholic.

One of the most liberal, broad-

minded men I have ever had the priv-

ilege of ranking on my list of friends was the late Professor J. L. Reynolds. of Furman University, Greenville, S. C. He was a splendid scholar, widely and deeply read in the best classics. I know both yourself and your hon- ancient and modern. He was a polored correspondent hold these breth- ished gentleman. He was one of the feeling towards his brethren of other I ask, therefore, that you make such denominations, and was thoroughly crude native worship that had prevail-"Landmark" Baptist.

Some of the greatest scholars and most heavenly-minded Christians that in Christianity a powerful rival, and England has ever produced were (or are) High Church Episcopalians. What sane man can charge such men as Butler and Ellicott with bigotry? tacking it more intelligently.—The munity, The author of the "Analogy" was not Free Church Monthly.

narrow-minded man. The most Resignation of Rev. G. A. Nunscholarly of English commentators is surely a broad minded Christian gentleman.

A man may sincerely hold a very strict creed, and may at the same time have a heart full of kindness and Christian love towards all those who sincerely differ from him: and a man may protest vigorously against all formulated "creeds," and yet have a heart full of bitter animosity towards all those whom he chooses to call creed-mongers. The Baptists are a stiff-necked people as to their beliefs. For some centuries they have borne a vast deal

of obloquy on account of their "narrow" views of baptism and the Lord's unanimity held fast by their strict and unpopular views of the ordinances, and of church order. In several respects they hold a stricter creed than any other body of Christians outside of the Church of Rome. And yet their strict creed has not Christians has ever contended so persistently and consistently for freedom of conscience. They have never oppressed or persecuted any human ters of faith. I do not hesitate to say gent Baptist who could be fairly principles, strict as they are, lead them logically to protest against any ill-feeling towards a man because of his religious belief; and ill-feeling who towards a man because of his religious

I may honestly entertain the opin-"liberal." It would be difficult to ion that you are wrong in your creed I may even believe that your creed is pernicious; I may feel called to do all that reason and argument and warnso strict that he must be supposed to ing can do to prevail upon you to entertain, at best, exceedingly grave relinquish that creed, and adopt a doubts of the salvation of any who different one. But so long as I have no unkind feeling towards you on account your creed; so long as my "intents" are not "wicked," but "charita-

> are hooting at Foreign Missions on the people are so "liberal" in their views that they do not think the heathen are in any danger of damnation. Confucius is "good enough." Christ is "no Of course such "liberal" people give heathen. It is "bigotry" to suppose that the heathen are in any danger from their creeds. But there are some thousands of Christians in this country and in England, who are so "narrow" and "uncharitable" as to believe that the heathen are in serious danger of spiritual and moral ruin on account of their false creeds. And these Christians are sending thou sands of their best men and women and spending millions of dollars to convert the heathen to a purer faith Now on which side lies real charity?

We are not at all sure that the 'Good Samaritan" ever saw the hour when he had greater objections to the creed of the Jews than when he poured out his oil and wine, and emptied his purse to relieve the necessities and distresses of a Jew whom he found in need of help. Was he not

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Understand, that if any man shall give God anything in the way of having it back again, that man will be disappointed, humiliated, and justly to be regarded as a bigot. And yet an appeal to some greedy, crafty Fenelon was a straight-out Papist, and wretch who says, "Well, if that be the way, I shall give away a sovereign just vou will never see your sovereign minates, fructifies, and returns hundred fold .- Christian Chronicle.

JAPAN .- Not least among the indications that Japan is rapidly preparing to take on a new religious life, is the fact that Buddhism is girding itself for a final struggle. It was more than a match for Shintoism, an older form of religion in Japan. It came to the country in the sixth century of our era; and having a philosophy with a better moral code than Japan had known, it became a kind of civilizer, and soon overshadowed the ed. But it has long ago exhausted it self, and now holds on with a de praved priesthood, and lacks confidence among the people. It now sees is astounded at its progress among the people. Something must be done Buddhists have gone to Europe to study Christianity, with a view to atnally, Secretary of Church Building Department.

JUDGE J. D. STEWART, PREST., AND

MEMBERS OF HOME MISS. BOARD:

Brethren: While my appointment to the office of Secretary of the Church Building Department was regarded by me as permanent, and evidently was so intended by you, yet it is thought by some to be the part of wisdom to terminate it at this time. have seen from the difficulties you have encountered in fostering the Church Building Department and Missions, how embarrassing it is for the same Board to give prominence to and prosecute successfully two important denominational enterprises at the same time, and in all your attempts to solve these perplexities you have had my deepest sympathy. To sever my official connection from brethren who have so uniformly and generously and personally given me assurances of esteem, confidence and co-operation, is a painful duty. But I have been so intimately associated with the Church Building Department, having through the religious press urged the inauguration of such a scheme months before the Southern Baptist Convention met in Waco, Texas, and having had charge of it from its incipiency by your Board, and having seen how successfully this arm of the service has been utilized by other religious denominations, and more fully discussed the need of such a work in our struggling and rapidly growing centers, and realized how generally the cause and the plan I had adopted for presenting it were approved by the denomination, and hopefully anticipated results which would be a blessing to the people and a source of glory to God, I surrender it with a sorrow akin to that a parent feels in parting from a child.

I am sure from many personal expressions, that you share with me in the regret that is common to the many friends of the enterprise, and deplore the causes that make it nec essary for me to resign. With no oth-There are in this country and in er purpose than to relieve your Board England a good many people who and the cause you represent, of all embarrassment which might be occaground that it will do the heathen no sioned by my prosecution of the good to make them Christians. These | Church Building Department or the general work in your charge, I herewith tender you my resignation, and at the same time I would express my gratitude for all your kindness, and give you assurances of my high esthem and abiding confidence. May nothing and do nothing for the God in his wisdom guide you all and glorify himself in all our attempts to advance his kingdom in the world.

> Yours in Christ. G. A. NUNNALLY. Dec. 30th, 1884.

MARRIED.

At the residence of the bride's father, on the 25th of December, 1884, by W. N. Huckabee, Mr. E. J. Millen and Miss Lizzie Mitchell. May happiness and prosperity attend the newly married couple through life, and after its joys and conflicts are ended

At the residence of the bride's father, at 7 p. m., on December 18, 1884, by Rev. J. D. Cook, Mr. J. Manning Ryan and Miss Anna Halsell. May God's richest blessings attend them through life, and, at its happy end, may they be welcomed into that city not made with hands.

may they be numbered with the re-

OBITUARY.

Died, near Collinsville, Ala., on the evening of the 4th of September, 1884, Miss Emma H. Appleton, in so. It is not an investment; it is not the 22nd year of her age. The deceased was born September 30, 1862; made a profession of religion and was baptized by the writer into fellowship to try if I can get two sovereigns of Pleasant Grove Baptist church in back for it." Will you? Try it! and August, 1881. She was consistent in her walk as a Christian, possessing in It seems pretty evident that a clear again. Then you won't try it? Don't! a remarkable degree all the graces apprehension of the principle laid We can't have the footsteps of such that adorn a woman's character. She down in the paragraph which we have evil beasts upon the floor of God's was an affectionate daughter, and ofquoted from Robert Hall would do sanctuary. It is when we give it ten sacrificed her own pleasure that much in the way of clearing up the away free from all self-consciousness she might confer favors on others. perplexity and confusion of thought in the deed, when there is no calcula- One of the last acts of her life was which very generally prevail in the tion about it, when under the inspira- performed in kindness to the afflicted popular views upon this subject. tion of love we touch the very holi- family of her beloved pastor. To festly was to sting Gov. Brown, hold That principle is that bigotry lies in ness of God-it is then that the grain her brothers and sisters she was ever them up to the censure of their breth- the heart, not in the head-that char- of corn cast into the earth, dies ger- kind and agreeable. The last months of her life were spent with two other young ladies boarding in her father's house, both of whom followed her into eternity. Her disease was typhoid fever of a malignant type, and for near three weeks she suffered without murmering. She was permitted to retain her consciousness to the last, and always greeted her friends with a smile. She left a father and mother, two brothers and sisters to lament her departure, besides a numerous train of near relatives and a host of sorrowing friends. If Emma had an enemy no one knew it, and none of us mourn as those having no hope, but live in expectation of meeting her within the pearly gates of the New Jerusalem, where all tears will be wiped from our eyes, and every heart be filled with joy unspeakable and full of glory. The parents and surviving children have the heartfelt sympathy of a grief stricken com-JNO. B. APPLETON.

Collinsville, Ala., Jan. 1. 1885.

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T. M. BAILEY, Cor. Sec. Marion, Dec. 27, 1884. LOOK TO YOUR INTEREST

Bro. Bertrand Zachry, of Opelika, Ala., wishes to buy at good prices all the Fur Skins that may be sent to him. He is a good and reliable man, and we advise any of our readers who ship them to him at Opelika. Bro. Zachry would be glad to have some one in every community gather up all the fur skins that can be obtained and ship them to him in bulk. Those belonging to each party can be tied in a separate parcel and marked, and all the parcels can then be put into one bundle for shipment.

## Christmas Holidays.

So the holidays have passed, dwindled away as the vapors of morn, though not so serenely, not so silently. The old year with its joys, its baffled hopes and tender memorie will soon have been plunged into the abyss of an irrevocable past, and a new year with its unknown future, be issued in. But wander back, frail mortal, through the labyrinthian hall of memory, and ponder well upon the manner in which these holidays have been spent. First: hast thou ever, whilst alone, thought seriously upon the hess.

We know every heart has its evil and good; We all have one Father in Heaven, hence are brothers; Then let us forgive and forget as we should.

s now pleading for us in glory dome, where no new year crowds out ories of days that can never return. Even now, in the overflowing love of my heart for this blessed Redeemer, methinks I can hear ministering scraphs from Eden Land sing ing in rapturous love, this glorious anthem. Tis their Christmas carol in

"Pax Vobiscum! Hands of blessing part the God's great hands of benediction, o'er tion spread in love! 'Te Deum Laudamus!' humbly swells out

grateful, glad refrain: 'Gloria in Excelsis!' Angels whisper raptu

ous 'Amen!' Pax Vobiscum! Peace be with thee How sweet the thought-to feel that loving spirits in Paradise are bestowing upon us this loving benediction! Te Deum Laudamus! Yes, dear Lord, let us praise thee as thou dost so richly deserve. Let no Bacchanalian feasts of revelry o'ercloud this anniversary of the birth of Jesus our Lord

I have always felt that this should be set apart as the day among daystoo sacred to mar by worldly frivolities,-too pure to be taunted by human vices or by drunkenness. How much sweeter, and how far better it would cause every zealous Christian's heart to feel, if this day were spent in love and praise, and in thanksgiving to God, for having sent on earth, more than one thousand years ago, gentle Jesus to restore a wandering

Look! What a hideous picture Contrast this mental vision of Heaven with all its rapturous charm, its anthems of praise from angel tongues on a Christmas Day, with this eyepicture of debauchery and levity. See yon being, who scarcely deserves the name of man, lying as some vile brute-wallowing in drunken filth,upon whom no true gentleman can look, except in loathsome disgust. Hear this one's weak excuse: "I am taking Christmas;" "I feel a little boozy," or the vulgar assertion: have Christmas in my bones." Yes; Christmas in thy bones, most ungodly wretch, but no Christmas in thy heart Look at the poor dejected wife! Is this a happy time for her, think ye? Every wind that whistles by, every tiny noise unnerves her, and causes her grief-worn heart to beat excitedly and feverishly, for something tells her that the man to whom her heart's richest love has been given, and in

Oh! what feeling can be sweeter that each one is trying to lay up treasures in that realm of glory-"treasures that moth nor rust may not corrupt, and where thieves break not through nor steal." From my heart, this morn, I thank and bless my God that my husband is not a drunkard! Nor do I utter these sentiments in proud superiority over those sad femnine hearts who have and do suffer for their husbands, who are led astray into the wiles of the tempter; but I say this in a prayer of thanksgiving and love, and in hopes that many (would to God all), may be turned from vices and drunkenness and be led to bring back to loving hearts the tender graces of Auld Lang Syne.

Oh! hear the echo of their heart's thoughts; they are murmuring these lines from Tennyson:

"Break-break-break-At the foot of thy crags, O Sea! But the tender grace of a day that is dead Will never come back to me.'

Again: How can man hold and cherish enmity against man on Christmas day, when only one little thought might bring to mind these never-dying words: "Forgive them, Father, they know not what they do?" We should bear enmity at no time, but this birthday of our Savior seems to come as a loving mediator to cast out discord and strife, and to whisper, "Peace on earth; good will towards all men."

Here are some beautiful lines that I read when a child, and which I often have reason to recall. Some of your readers may have seen them, may have fur skins of any kind to but good things may bear repetition: Oh, forgive and forget, this life is too fleet-

To waste it in brooding o'er wrongs we have To teach the proud heart to forgive and for-

In the path we must tread, leading down to the valley,

Are crosses and trials enough and to beas;

And the chalice of life from which we are Oft bears to our lips drops of sorrow and

shower.

That we cannot afford to broad over a wrong;
Let us lift up our burdens and bear them on bravely; We'll lay them down shortly, it cannot be

Then forgive and forget, if the friends we loved fondly
Prove themselves to be false and unworthy to trust;
Oh, deal with them kindly, for they are but mortals,

Erring like us, for we too are but dust, Oh! deal with them kindly, pity their weak-

the sacred meaning implied in this Buena Vista, Ala. M. V. W.

We find in one of our Presbyterian the heading, "Preach the Word, which might well be heeded by many pastors in many denominations on own not excepted. The article referred to opens in this way:

"Preach the word.' Thus the Apostle Paul charged his son Timothy. It is a charge and exhortation which needs very much to be repeated in these days to preachers, both young and old. As we have occasion to read and look through many sermons, to say nothing of those we are occasionally privileged to hear, we are struck with the poverty of Scriptural thought and quotation. There is a text, indeed to begin with, and that is from the Bible; and from the text there is a theme, if not evolved, at least suggested; but, for the rest, in many (too many) cases, there is little else than the excogitations of the preacher. We would not venture to say that such sermons are not good sermons of their kind, nor that they do not do good. Certainly they are often very interesting to hear, and give evidence of much careful study, and have in them the suggestion of personal earnestness; but there is little or no preaching of the word in them."

There are, doubtless, thounsands among our constant church goers and most interested listeners who can subscribe heartily to the above senti ments-people who love the church and its services, but who deprecate the tendency toward the delivery of essays instead of sermons by many clergymen now-a-days, and who long for the simple, helpful, comforting uplifting preaching of the word. When young people come home from church stating that the talk was on Natural Science, and no gospel in it, or, as was said recently by a young tears. person after hearing an eminent Congregationalist, "We felt as if we were just out of school, and had had a good lesson on history; but I do not call that preaching, if the ministers do." When such comments are made, even by the young people, is it not time that the preachers think on these

In the article from which we have

uoted the writer adds: "A return to a more Scriptural method of preaching, a wider use of the actual Word of God, both in the construction and body of our sermons, is in our judgment, one of the imperative demands of the present necessi

ligion among the churches, and a great ingathering of souls from among those who believe not."

Is it not possible that the lack of earnest effort for the salvation of souls on the part of the membership in our churches is due in some measure to this dearth of Scriptural preaching? And is it not a mistake for preachers to entertain their audiences with literary essays instead of preaching the word in Pauline si.a. plicity and power? An intelligent laymember asked,"Why have our preachers come to think that the people are interested in almost everything else but the preaching of the gospel?" and then added, "They were never farther need, from the truth, and our hearts are hangry for the sermon they do not give us." If more preachers would act upon that view of their work which is here suggested, and would heed the inspired injunction, "Preach the Word," we might hope soon to witness a new spirit of evangelism in the churches .- Standard.

Mrs. Sallie E. Harten Died, near Cedar Bluff, Cherokee county, Ala, on the morning of the 21st of December, 1884, in the 36th year of her age. She was the eldest daughter of Thomas N. and Matilda P. Appleton, and was very. delicate even in her childhood. She made a profession of religion in her sixteenth year, and was baptized by the writer into the fellowship of Pleasant Grove Baptist church, of which she remained a consistent member until her removal to the home of her husband. She was married by Elder Jas, H. Glazner to Mr. Herbert Harten March 6th, 1879. with whom she lived until death claimed her as his own. Sallie was always a dutiful and affectionate daughter, and maintained the same sweet disposition in all the relations of life. Through her long, and sometimes painful sickness, she manifested a calm resignation to the will of the Lord, trusting alone in the merits of Jesus for her acceptance with God. In our last interview, a few days before her death, she said she "always carried everything to the Lord in prayer." We parted with bright hopes of meeting again in the realms of eternal bliss. In her death, parents have lost a loving daughter, brothers corner. and sister an affectionate sister, husband a devoted wife, the church an active and faithful member, and the poor a warm friend. May the Lord prevent the stroke falling too heavily on the family so lately bereaved by the death of lovely Emma,

JNO. B. APPLETON. Collinsville, Ala., Jan. 1, 1885.

The death angel waite

ville, Perry county, Alab Marion Edwards, He March the 19th, 1837; Baptist church at Con county, October, 1873. his death. This visitat few months previous de shadow of darkness, too and mother, and now S left a widow with five de mourn his loss, but not a have no hope. Brother an indulgent father and husband. All who knew him him. He was always willing the needy, to support his par school, and endeavoring to bri his children in the nurture and a nition of Lord. He was much o cerned about the education of children, and was intending to one or two of his daughters to Judson, after Christmas; but, al the expectations are all lost. how sad his family as they gaze up the fresh mound so recently, so a denly erected! I feel that I canno stop without offering to her and he children a word of sympathy. Ol bereaved sisters, children, wife, and brothers, God has filled your hear with a sadness never before experienced. He works in a mysl way his wonders to perform. W poor, frail creatures have no right to question his purposes. Here, then, is the ground of your hope, and the source of your consolation, that your loved one is not lost, but gone to

employment, as we do, to wipe away May he who holds

home of perfect happiness and peace,

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Spirit, leave thy house of clay Send resigning dust, resign thy breath-Spirit cast thy cares away,

Thus the mighty Savior speaks, While the faithful Chris Thus the bond of life he breaks And the ransomed captive flies.

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John and to the Rev.

mother of twelve children, and the grand-mother of twenty-three. Ten of her children are living and were present at her burial.

Having been the wife of a preacher for twenty five years, she took great delight in entertaining ministers, and she knew perfectly well how to make them feel at home. Though of an industrious, domestic disposition, she was nevertheless a consecrated Christian, and always found time to engage in the service of the Master. Her death is a loss deeply felt by her neighbors, her church, and her famy. To her family, and especially her grief stricken husband, we tender our Christian sympathy and condolence. May the God of all grace comfort them in this great time of



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is certainly most comforting to riate such words to a departed d one. It is the great anchor of religion, that while we weep ur friends are taken from us, rejoice that they are at rest. sister was a true illustration of ed fact.

quiet, gentle, devoted Chrise and character had won for the love and esteem of all with im she was associated. Her one e in life was to serve, honor glorify her Redeemer; and when was called upon to meet the last L death, she gave unmistakable most comforting evidence of her tance with Him. May we profit r example. PASTOR.

INTERARY NOTICES.

DEMOREST'S ILLUSTRATED MAGAfor January, 1885, is a fine numfurnishing food for thought, and y admirable suggestions for the hold. Among the interesting fures, is a new serial, called "A e Girl," by Mr. Charles Bar-An illustrated article on New leans is interesting as well as seanable, in view of the coming Expoand another good illustrated ricle is on etching. Jenny June mishes a paper on "The School of he Future." The various depart ats are well filled; and a fine steel raving of Charlotte Corday makes attractive frontispiece.

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Winnie Harris sat in her room at repeated; then, with a slight impa- grou tient air, she laid down her book, and

that I was to be expelled, at the very a general favorife."
least," said Winnie, laughing. "But But Cal did not fir

"I don't exactly know, but I strongly suspect that she is about to bestow a room-mate upon you.'

"A room-mate! Who?" Winnie had little favor, stopped short, her face full of anx-

a peculiar looking girl! Homely as night." And Effie vanished up an never dreamed.

door of the principal's room. ment, closing the door behind her,

of you that you will be good friends. Please come in and let me introduce you." 1

added: "Miss Stoughton, this is Miss Winnie Harris, who is to be your room-mate, and will soon make you feel at home, I think,

The girls exchanged curious glances as they said, "Good evening," each eager to discover what her new roommate was like.

been quite accurate. Miss Stough- Effie she couldn't go to breakfast. ton was certainly quite plain and unprepossessing. There are few girlish faces which are not capable of and Winnie, who, though one of the sweetest of girls, was rather fastidious in her likes and dislikes, wondered for a moment how she could be happy with so unattractive a face op. she will make me fell better. I think posite hers through all the long study it is too bad of you to call her 'blue

"What a sweet face she has!" the other was thinking meanwhile. "How kind of Miss Taber to put me with her. I presume the other girls will call us Beauty and Beast."

our room?" said Winnie, kindly.

"You must be tired." "Thank you, Miss Harris," said the newcomer, in a tone so pleasant not noticed anything peculiar in her delicate frost work of flowers and vines; and cordial and with a smile so room mate's appearance. But now bright and frank that they went a when they entered both girl's started long way toward removing the un- back in dismay pleasant impression from Winnie's mind, "I would like to go, if you are Effie, "what is the matter with your ready.

"Please don't call me Miss Harris," said Winnie as they left the room, af-

"Thank you. That sounds homelike and pleasant. My name is you suppose it is?" Calista, but they call me Cal at home, and I wish you would. Oh, what a ourselves? How beautiful it is here, and every one is so kind!"

"You may feel differently when your homesick time comes on," said running away, remained with Hattie, will be going about for two or three weeks with your handkerchief up to the poor child's mind. your eyes, totally blind to the beauway new scholars generally do."

look as if I would be such a goose?" there might be some cause for alarm. said Cal. "And after I have been Hattie was little reassured by her resold, he knew that he had not done wanting to come to this school ever quest that Effic and Cal would not right, and he felt so guilty and unsince I can remember, and have laid leave the room till the doctor came happy about it, that finally at bedtime awake nights thinking about it, and Effie took a chair as near the door as he told his mother the whole story. dreamed of it when I fell asleep, possible and sat there trembling, and-No, indeed; I hope I shall not while Cal kept her place at the bed be so silly. And if I ever show any side, talking to Hattie in her usual squeezed it a little." symptoms, I want you to give me a cheery way till she had acqually good scolding, and shut me up in the brought a smile to her face.

it necessary. But she never did, for Calista was never homesick; at least, fie began to sob and begged to leave then. He tried to break the stem, if she was, no one ever knew it. She the room at once. made innumerable mistakes in those first few days, became hopelessly bewildered and lost in the large building whenever she ventured outside of would be best for you not to be with all, almost makes a lie of it, and that her own corrider without her room the other young ladies to-day. You is an uglier thing a great deal than mate, broke every rule of the school might take your books to the attic. It this faded geranium. Remember it, while trying her best to remember is warm and pleasant there, and you dear, and always tell the whole truth. and observe them all, and blundered terribly in her carefully prepared les- own rooms. sons, being unused to large classes

Calista's arrival.

"I believe that I like her better have some one, you know," such good care of me-hardly lets me lie. put away a book, or hang up my own hat and sacque. She is always ready a minute if I should leave Hattie now, to take the hardest and worst of every- and if it should prove what we fear any one else more comfortable. But what do you think of her, Marion?"

Marion's opinion carried weight with it, for she was considered the Hillside seminary, so busy over her most brilliant scholar in the whole chemistry lesson that she did not hear seminary, and judged every one on the light tap at the door until it was the highest intellectual and moral

"I think she is a remarkable girl, according to school etiquette, called said Marion decidedly. "She does out, "Come!" make very original French transla"Miss Taber would like to see you, tions, and her punctuation is rather ance. Recitation hours came and help laughing when she rose to recite. "Miss Taber! Have I been doing I have seen Mademoiselle herself, ful, hovered about the tables which anything particularly wicked, I won- bite her lips to keep back a smile- barricaded the end of the hall, leavder?" and Winnie joined Effie in the but all her recitations show thought ing there sundry notes for her roomand study, and sometimes keen wit. mate, to which, of course, she expect-"You wouldn't look so happy, per-haps, if you knew what she did want." see if she isn't. And she has taken said Effie, with very unusual solem- the best way of making the girls for-rived and was hurried at once to the nity, as they walked along the passage get her blunders by being the first to sick room, every one feeling a sense

But Cal did not find all her school- but the Doctor, after one keen glance do you really know why she has sent mates just like Winnie and Marion, for me?"

at his patient, turned to the window, and threw them wide open. The sun of the world, there were those who estimated their companions by wealth shone full on Hattie's disfigured face. and style, and in their eyes poor Cal

Effie Sumner was a pretty, shallow little miss, who, by means of a liberal "A new scholar, just come. Such supply of pocket money and the handsomest dresses in the school, together she can be, awkward, and with the with frequent allusions to the splenworst fitting dress that I ever beheld. dors of her distant home, had gained I think its too bad of Miss Taber to great admiration and respect from fire, and the girls relieved from permake you take her, when she would those who cared most for such things. sonal apprehension, straightway exnot let you room with Marion. This It pleased her and her followers to aked Cal into a heroine. girl is from the backwoods; anybody make many jokes about Cal's plain can see that. Well I must leave you face, awkward movements, and the

other corridor, while Winnie, after a The dress which Cal generally wore moment's hesitation, knocked at the -a gift, about which she had no wrote a humorous ballad on the events choice-was of two shades of blue- of the day, in which she took the op-It was opened at once by that lady, not a pretty dress for any one, and who stepped into the hall for a mo- especially unbecoming to her dark, sallow complexion. Hence the Sum-"Winnie," she said pleasantly, "a ner party chose to speak of her as sion to Effie Sumner's terrors. Indeed young lady has just arrived whom I "the blue bird," and presuming on Cal suddenly attained a degree of wish to put under your care for a her good nature took no pains to pre- popularity which would almost have time. I am sure from what I know vent her overhearing them. Cal was by no means slow of perception, and though she made no sign, the shafts of ridicule struck home. But there

She opened the door again, and came a day which put an end to that, tion, Hattie Long, Effie Sumner's room-mate, began to complain of severe headaches and a queer feeling that made it difficult for her to study. After drooping for a day or two, she mencement day at Hillside, and the found one morning that the room whirled about so the moment she Winnie's heart sank a little, as she raised her head from the pillow that realized that Effie's description had she was obliged to sink back and tell been pronounced quite remarkable, is

"I am sorry, dear," said Effie. "Shall I bring you up something?" "I don't believe I could eat any brightening, under favorable circum- thing," answered Hattie wearily, "but stances, into something like pretti- I wish you would ask Cal Stoughton ness. But hers was one of the few, to come and see me after breakfast." "Why, what good can that 'blue bird' do you?" asked Effic rather the friend, laughing. "In this case it

"Oh, she is so nice and funny that

"Don't be worried. She isn't sensitive. There's the breakfast bell, and I must huzry.' After breakfast Effie gave Hattie's

message to Cal, and the two wert to "Wouldn't you like to come up to gether to Effie's room. In those short days it was hardly light enough before breakfast to see anything plainly in the room, and Effic had

"Why, Hattie Long," exclaimed

face?" Poor Hattie sat up in bed so as to look into the mirror, gave one glance ter bidding Miss Taber good night, at her face, now so flushed and swol-"I like my other name better, and the len as to be almost beyond recogniroom-mates never 'Miss' each other tion, then threw herself back on the pillow, and burst into tears "O girls," she sobbed, 'what de

Effie suddenly turned very pale. "The small pox is raging terrible pretty room! Shall we have it all to where she lives," she whispered to Cal; "I am going to find the matron." And she left the room in suspicious haste, while Cal, who had no idea of Winnie laughing. "I suppose you trying to soothe the terror which Effie's loud whisper had excited in

Hattie's sobs had ceased, and she ties of nature and art, or seeing them was a little calmer when Mrs. Ware, all run together in streaks, as you the matron, came in. She looked very look through your tears. That's the grave as she bent over the bed, for Effie had told her of her own fears, thought, "I told the truth, anyhow; - Winnie, do I and she could not help thinking that Pug did break it."

Winnie laughingly promised to act on this suggestion if she should find expected to return for several hours. "Yesterday the baby saw this flower

would be as comfortable as in your -Morning Star.

Effie gathered up her books, bad. and methodical recitations, yet was steadily making her way into the good graces of both teachers and fellow
her room-mate a hasty farewell and hurt by doing his duty; on the contrary, one good action, one temptation

been exposed already and it doesn't From the Sabbath School Visitor. make much difference now She must

every day. She is the most conscientions girl I ever knew, and the most could find a nurse," said the matron unselfish. You know I have not been thoughtfully. "But I don't like to very well this term, and she takes have you run any further risks, Cal-

"Do let me stay. I could not rest

thing, if by so doing she can make and I should take it, I have less to lose than most people." (h) whispered. Tears filled Mrs. Ware's dark eyes. "You are a good child, Callie, if ever there was one, and you may stay if you choose," she said.

The day wore slowly away. Miss Taber passed quietly through the corridor, directing the girls there to remove to other parts of the building. They behaved very well, and the re-moval was effected with little disturbwent, though there were few perfect ssons. Winnie Harris, pale and tear-

laugh at them, and to put them in the most ridiculous light herself. She is passionate expression, I should think as likely as any girl I know to become blinds had been tightly closed all day because the light hurt Hattie's eyes,

"Well, doctor, what do you think of me?" she asked piteously.

The doctor carefully closed blinds again. "Think!" he said, dryly, "I think that I never in my life saw the measles come out better.

The news of the doctor's verdict spread through the school like wild-

. Hattie, who soon appeared among the girls again, affirmed that she could here. I'll come in to-morrow and see simple wardrobe which had been pro- never have lived through that dreadhow you like the Unknown. Good- cured by sacrifices of which they ful day of terror if Cal had not been there to encourage her and make her laugh. Winnie, who held a ready pen, portunity of praising her room-mate's conduct in the most glowing terms, and did not refrain making a sly allupoiled a girl less modest and sensible. She received it gratefully, but remained the same kind, simple Cal Stoughton as before, thus taking the best possible way of changing this

> manent regard. We can cast one more glance a her school career, just as it draws to its close. It is the evening of Comevening reception of the graduating class is nearly over. Marion Farnham, whose valedictory of the morning has talking with a friend, who suddenly inquires: "Who is that peculiar looking girl with such an animated group

around her?" "That is Miss Calista Stoughton, the president of our class," "May I ask on what principle the classes choose their presidents?" said

certainly could not have been for beauty or style.' "No," said Marion, with dignity, "we choose unanimously the most sensible girl in the class, the most influential and popular-and that is

Not Quite a Lie.

Bridget had set mamma's beautiful glass dish on the lowest shelf in the closet. Willie never tired of tracing its so, when Bridget went back into the kitchen, he took the dish down very carefully and placed it on the table. He had never been exactly forbidden to touch it, and yet he knew that his mother would rather he should not. Still he meant to be very careful and put it safely back when he was through with it. Probably he would have done so if Pug, his eldest brother's pet dog, had not beguiled him into a frolic. Suddenly, while Willie was in the farthest corner of the room, Pug seized the table-cloth in his teeth, and shaking it dragged the dish a little too near the edge, and it fell with a crash. Hearing the noise, his mother came in. "Why, Willief. Did you break

"No, ma'am; Pug pulled off." If Willie had not been frightened, he might have told the whole story. As it was, since his mother asked no questions, and only said: "It should not have been left on the table," he

But though he was only six years "It wasn't quite a lie, was it, mam-

ma? I told almost the truth. I just "Come with me, Willie; I want to show you something;" and she led But Dr. Bond was out of town, at him to a beautiful geranium plant and couldn't, but he pisched it so

Dury -No man's spirts were ever graces of both teachers and fellowpupils.

"Well, Winnie, do you like your new room-mate as well as ever?"

asked Winnie's friend, Marion Farnham, as the two were taking their.

"Why don't you go, Cal?" moaned Hattie. "Every minute that you stay makes it more dangerous."

"I am not at all atraid. Mrs. Ware, may I stay with Hattie?" She added, lif there is really any danger. I have or company can do for them. A Lost Doll.

It must have been Rosalind who was sleepy, for Dot said, when she climbed into the hammock, that are would lie there only lung enough to put Rosalind to sleep. But the doll's painted eyes remained wide open while the lids drooped lower and lower over Dot's blue ones, and at last the drowsy lullaby ceased. The hand that was holding Rosalind dropper over the edge of the hammock and slowly unloosened its-clasp, and dolly fell upon the grass. She did not lie

there long enough to take cold, how-ever, for Fido's inquisitive little nose soon discovered her, and he gave her such a thorough shaking that it must have awakened her had she been in the farthest corner of Dreamland. He looked at the hammock as if he were half inclined to spring up there and awaken Dot also; but he changed his mind, and, picking up Miss Rosalind, darted through the fence and down

Dot finished her nap in peace, but great was her surprise and consterna tion when she missed the doll. The hammock and the grass were searched

"Mamma, do you s'pose gypsies would steal a make-b'lieve baby?" she asked with a sudden direful

"No, I don't think they would," answered mamma, smiling a little. had become of the doll.

"Don't fret so, honey," said old Dinah as she saw her pet sitting disconsolately in the doorway. "Tain't worf while to fret so 'bout trifles."

tion, why, it's come for some good," meanin' if you'll only wait to see." Dot waited. There was nothing else she could do except to search the

through the fence, "Say !" Bare feet, patched clothes, a sunburnt noticed only the brown hand that

"Hasn't your little lame sister any dolls?" asked Dot wonderingly. "No; but I mean to get her one soon as ever I can, now I've found out how she want's one. She never said anything about it-I expect she thought it was no use-but that smart little rascal, Fido, must have guessed | self, and I want also to say I have cured one

toward the house. was not the only doll in Dot's posses session, and the little girl was soon at the fence with another, which, with a hastily packed wardrobe she pushed through to Ben.

What that gift and the visit that followed it-the first of many-were to little Nan, no written words can tell, but Dot understood enough to say thoughtfully to Dinah, "That fliction did mean something. Nan says she don't believe it was just a happen, and I'm 'most sure it came to tell me, Don't be selfish, but divide

"True enough, honey. Dat's a message de One dat gives all our blessin's is sendin' us all de time an' in all sorts o' ways, said Dinah.

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But even she cold not imagine what

"Tisn't a trifle," answered Dot in dignantly; "it's a real 'fliction." "Well, den, honey, if it's a real 'flicsaid Dinah, "an' you'll find out de

grass again, and she was doing that for about the twentieth time just at sunset, when somebody called to her

face, and tattered straw hat were pressed close to the palings, but Dot held her mourned for Rosalind. "Oh, Ben Mead! where did you get

"Fido brought her home," answered Ben, "and little Nan has had her all the afternoon. She guessed it must be yours, she said, but she hadn't any way to send it back till I got home, so she took care of it for you; and if you'd seen how it made her eyes shine Several days after Christmas vaca- new respect and admiration into per- lying there in bed, I don't believe you'd be sorry Fido borrowed it for a little while.'

> "Wait a minute," said Dot, turning Rosalind was a favorite, but she

"There! Tell Nan that's her really own to keep; and I'll come down tomorrow with mine, and we'll play 'keep house' together; mamma says I

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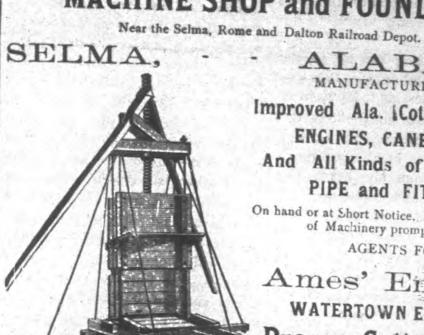
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