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THE RACE FOR 1886. A New Year's Sermon by Dr. M. B. Wharton,

Of the First Baptist Church, Montgomery From Hebrews, 12th Chapter, 1st and 2nd Verses.

The old year is dead. The sun hung in the great belfry of the skies has tolled out the departure of 1885. The numerous bells of our city that a few days ago wildly rang their midnight chorus, found a strange repose in many of our hearts, and we said:

"Ring out wild bells to the wild sky, The flying cloud, the frosty light, The year is dying in the night, Ring out wild bells and let him die. Ring out the old, ring in the new, Ring happy bells across the snow, The year is going, let him go, Ring out the false, ring in the true.

1885 was but a period of preparation tic happiness, a bar to business prosper- of Rome; Napoleon the autocrat of seats. As the combatants looked up for the glorious race we are going to ity, a bar to decency and refinement. Europe; Wellington the conqueror of they appeared a very "cloud of witmake in 1886. Hence I have adopt a bar to Christian civilization, and Napoleon; Washington the father of nesses." These witnesses were comed as my theme on the present oc- those, who have contracted the habit a whole country; and Jefferson Davis posed of all classes and conditions of casion

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the throne of God.'

jurious practices. The Apostle tells how much more the "taking of course," "Be bold," "To the victor you may obtain." On the ever meus we must "lay aside every weight." One of the first things I would have you to leave off is idleness. As a An idle brain is the devil's workshop. The whole teaching of the word of crawl at our feet. "Go to the ant, Imitate his example. As well might thou sluggard, consider her ways and a convict in the city chain-gang run be wise." I address myself particul well with a ball and chain at his feet, part of people without means in the otherwise smooth sea and lashes ters, "Be bold, be bold, but be not as often as most of our brethren, and, The second vice is lying, the first is sea has been struck by the equinoctial satin.

has been said that every man is a bun- the sin that doth so easily beset you." to direct his steps." You are not to "Prohibition in Talladega"- Some the Senate after its passage in the dle of habits, and unfortunately many endorsing the practice) how men can lieveth. Unfortunately many of the shame." drink wine at the table, or take a lit- resolutions made are worthless, 're- 4. Lastly, notice the motive by tle for the stomach's sake, or to ben- sembling a resolution I once heard in- which we are encouraged to run well. efit the health, or when depressed in troduced into a Baptist association by "Seeing that we also are compa bar-rooms putting "an enemy into I am a great believer in resolutions, in the amphitheatres. In Corinth a God grant that it may appear that bar to religious thought, a bar to domest conqueror of Italy; Cresar the master Circus Maximus 350,000 could secure referred to should abandon it at once. for years the terror of three-fourths of the people, citizens, soldiers, athletes So with the habit of gaming, whether this Union, the one unique character crowned from previous races, nobles

The apostle compares life to a race, it be under the seductive name of li- in our history who, though defeated and kings. A still greater cloud taking his figure from that principal censed lottery, or a "church" raffle, in his purpose, clung to his principles hangs around and over us. First, feature of the ancient Olympian games; or playing for a prize in "progressive and opinions in the prospect of the the world is witnessing our race. The 1886 is but a stage, a part of that euchre," to say nothing of the baser bayonet or the halter "whose lovalty eagle eye of a fault-finding and critirace. Let us obey his injunction and forms of this terrible practice. These he kept, whose zeal, nor numbers nor cising world is ever upon us. Chris-"lay aside every weight and the sin are social sins to be laid aside or man example wrought to swerve from truth tian people advanced in the divine that doth so easily beset us, and run can never run well the race of life. or spoke his constant mind." It was life are watching you with intense inwith patience the race that is set be Many men have contracted the horrid resolution that caused Wycliffe to go terest. But beings of a higher order fore us, looking unto Jesus, the au- habit of profane swearing, never offer- to the stake in defense of his Bible, are beholding us. Saints redeemed. thor and fir isher of our faith, who, for ingra prayer to God except one that his ashes being thrown into the Avon, from their seats in heaven, are lookthe joy that was set before him, en- he may damn themselves or others, and borne by the Avon to the Severn, ling upon their struggling brethren dured the cup, despising the shame, using more lightly the revered name and by the Severn to the sea, so that with the most intense solicitude, anand is set down at the right hand of of God than that of anything in the his ashes, like his doctrine, have gone gels, too, "sent forth to minister to universe. Remember at the begin- to the spacious earth around. I propose to consider what we shall ming of the new year that God has men of resolution, resolve that you tion," are bending their affectionate lay aside; what we shall take with us; said, "Thou shalt not take the name will be better, that you will do better, gaze upon us; Jesus Christ is witnessto whom we shall look as we run; and of the Lord thy God in vain." Sab that you will "quit vourselves like ing us as he holds out the prize and the motive that shall inspire us to run bath desecration is another thing that men." Secondly, adopt suitable max- encourages us to secure it; God the 1. Notice the things that we shall thou labor and do all thy work. The race. On the posts of the ancient archangels, from cherubim and seralay aside. The beginning of the New seventh is the Sabbath of the Lord; amphitheatre mottoes were placarded phim, diverting his gaze from shining Year is a time when men often "swear on it thou shalt not do any work." If for the encouragement of the racers, stars and planetary systems, looks off" from evil ways, and lay aside in Sabbath sports are to be condemned, such as "Hasten," "Finish thy down upon us, saying, "So run that have much success with idle people. to be closed on Sunday! If any of knowledge, nor device, nor wisdom in cle in stone, said: "Soldiers, from you have fallen into other bad habits the grave whither thou goest." The yonder heights forty centurie not named (and some of them name- years are speeding by, 1885 has gone, down upon you!" Under this inst God is opposed to idleness. "Seest less here), lay them aside. You are with its record to the judgment seat ration nobly did they do their duty thou a man diligent in his business he to lay aside "every weight," The of Christ! shall stand before kings, he shall not ancient athlete was trained with great stand before mean men." Idle men weights tied to his feet. When the are placed below the insects that race commenced he laid them aside.

looking back, is not fit for the kinglarly to young men when I say, have as you, borne down with idleness, exdom of God. Strive to secure some good occupation and stick to it. travagance, and bad habits. There your tombstone the noble epitaph of It is a bad thing when a young man is one thing you must put off, and that the apostle: "I have finished my belongs to Street, Walker & Co. It is your predominant passion. "Lay course, I have fought a good fight, I will not do to say that you cannot get aside every weight and the sin that have kept the faith, henceforth there anything to do. That may happen doth so easily beset you." Every for a time, but if you are made of the man has some darling sin, some weakeousness, which the Lord will give right stuff, plans will soon open to ness that invites the Devil, as to a you. A gentleman in this city, a rich repast. It may be one of these large dealer, told me he had rejected already named; you know what it is. many applicants highly recommended. Lay it aside, or it will be a weightare worse than physical ones. and employed a young man whose a millstone to drag you to perdition. address and movements suited but You may give up all other sins, but if cient city of Busgram, gives an ac- and the bitter cold snap upon us now. without recommendations; and he you hold on to that you are lost! By count of the strange inscriptions he In a few days we shall be snugly enmade him one of the best clerks in one single hole a ship will sink. One read on the gates. On the first gate sconced again, in close, well lighted the world. Lay aside idleness. The stab into the heart will kill as effectu- he read this inscription. "Be bold." devil tempts every man, and an idle ally as the twenty-one gaping wounds Proceeding some distance he came to bookcases before me, and at my old man tempts the devil. Secondly: that took Caesar off. "One cord of the second gate, on which he read, familiar round table, I now write, Lay aside extravagance. There is no pride will strangle the soul as effectu- "Be bold, be bold, and evermore be Some will think we have been on a denying the fact that too much money ally as all the cart ropes of iniquity." bold." Proceeding still further he "Jonah journey;" but, while attempting is spent in this country in eating, Your besetting sin resembles the came to the third and last gate, on a send off for our younger children drinking and dressing, and on the strong current in nature, which takes which he read in conspicuous charac- in school books, we preached about

"keeping up appearances." The re- it into a raging tempest over rocks too bold." There was great wisdom for a good part of the time, furnished sult is, many have bills due on the and quicksands. If you do not guard in these inscriptions, while we should editorial matter weekly for the religfirst of January which they are not it; if you do not turn from it, how- be bold we should not be foolhar- ious press-made a parlor organ and able to pay. Avoid extravagance ever tranquilly you may seem to be dy." All such boldness comes to a sewing machine. that you may avoid debt, one of the sailing now, you will be borne to your grief. But bold in the highest and Little farming operations turned greatest curses that ever afflicted any destruction. Behold a noble ship as truest sense let us enter the race for over entirely to son and a renter, so I man. Horace Greeley says: "Hun- she leaves New York harbor on a fine 1886. "To the victor belongs the am ready for appropriate work. I weight whatever, with the jurors who ger, cold, hard work, contempt, sus- March or September morning. She crown." Blessed and encouraging have two Sundays unengaged in the picion, unjust reproach, are disagree- steams out with colors flying while truth, Jesus has said, "Be thou faith- hesitancy as to school or no school able, but debt is infinitely worse than New York and the adjacent heights ful unto death, and I will give thee a for the present year. I shall be at the cretion, on the plane of common them all. If it had pleased God to slowly fading from view suggest vis- crown of life." Lastly, let us take service of the churches on the E. T., sense justice. It was known to the spare either or all of my sons to be ions of Jerusalem the golden. Pass- along with us patience, frun with pa- G., & V., or South & North roads. jury that the retailers had State and the support and solace of my declining Sandy Hook the vessel enters the tience that is set before you." I know people consider a man in the county license to sell till the end of the ing years, the lesson which I should open sea which as far as the eye can Patience means suffering, or the grace pastorate for more than fifty years at have earnestly sought to impress upon reach presents the appearance of a of bearing suffering. However well old man; but, I have to say that I lack citizens voted for prohibition, with the them is, never run in debt. Avoid pe- beautiful and gently waving harvest. we may run, suffering we must have several years of having reached the belief that the law would not interfere cuniary obligation as you would pesti- Next morning it reaches the banks of during this year, and the best provis- allotted three score and ten, and if with existing licenses and that otherlence or famine. If you have but fifty New Foundland, dangerous on ac- ion we can make for adverse circum- parties take the pains to enquire, they wise they would not have voted as cents and get no more for a week, count of its shoals and quicksands. stances, or toilsome work, is patience, can easily ascertain whether natural they did. It was known that many

buy a peck of corn, parch it and live Keeping to her course the ship sails for "patience maketh experience, and force is abated or the tree is decaying prominent prohibitionists expressed on it, rather than owe any man a dol- peacefully along. It takes more than experience hope and hope maketh at the top. lar." John Randolph, the eccentric a day to cross the banks, and soon not ashamed." Patience, says one, My pen too is at the service of all, be found under the law, and announce Virginia statesman, once said in the night sets in and all retire to rest hear- "is lying to and riding out the gale." and when I have something to say, I House of Representatives of the ing no sound save the throbbing of Pray and stay are two blessed mono- shall do so, in whatever quarter it course would be hurtful to the cause United States: "Mr. Speaker, I have the engine's great heart, while the airs syllables. Hold on, hold fast, hold strikes me. found the philosopher's stone, it is they feel "are murmuring to the mur- out! An eastern proverb says pa- Wishing the Baptist every success facts which prompted the exercise of "pay as you go." Benjamin Franklin muring keel." But at midnight there is tience is power, with time and pa- in the hands of noble laymen, one an says: "Lying rides on debt's back. a cry made, "a storm! ?" The tience the mulberry leaf becomes honored friend, and the other a scion

running in debt. Creditors have bet- gale, and the ship, driven from her 3. To whom shall we look as we am, dear brethren, yours to serve. ter memories than debtors, and cred- course, is thrown first into the trough run? The ancient athlete looked to the itors are a superstitious sect, great ob- of the sea, and then upon the rocks Judge at the other end of the race. servers of set days and times." If you when she is dashed in pieces, while the Judge who had been over the same would avoid debt, be industrious and all on board go down to rise no more! ground. We are to look unto Iesus fragal. Do not squander your money, So will it be with you who do not the author and finisher of our faith whether you have much or little, with guard your current passion, your be- who for the joy that was set before senseless extravagance. You must setting sin. It will wast you first into him, endured the cross, depising the who hath helped will help, and that lay aside had hathits. These may em- wretchedness and then into destruc- shame." You are not to look to your- He who hath loved will love unto the

2. In the second place let us notice look to others, for "yain is the help of his habits are evil and ought to be what you are to take with you in the of man;" but you are to look to Jesus at once abandoned. First of all, lay race. First of all I say good resolu- for two reasons. First, he is the auaside evil speaking. Guard well your tions. At this season of the year thor and finisher of your faith, has tongue or you will be rained. Among men not only swear off, but they form begun the work and will carry it on the habits that ought to be laid aside new resolutions. To resolve to suc- to completion, and second, he has tury 7th,) written by Rev. Dr. Ren-

is one that can, alast never be left out ceed is to accomplish more than half made the race before you in a higher of the list-drinking. I can see (al- of your purpose at the start. All and nobler and severer sense, having though I would not be understood as things are possible to him that be- "endured the cup, despising the prohibition in Talladega county."

spirits, but I have never been able to a rural brother: "Resplyed that we en- about by so great a cloud of witunderstand why men in health should deaver to attempt to try to raise a lit- nesses." References have been made role of censor. be all the time bobbing in and out of the money for foreign missions." Still to the spectators on the elevated seats their mouths to steal away their It was resolution that made Alexan- is said they seated 10,000 people. In brains." Each one of these places der the conqueror of the known the Flavian amphitheatre 77,000 peohas its appropriate name-Bar. It is a world; Hannibal for fifteen years the ple were seated comfortably. In the

must be laid aside. "Six days shalt ims for your government during the Father, turning aside from angels and stock," preparation of briefs, the bal- belongs the crown." Let these be morable occasion of the great battle in ancing of books, the selling of goods! your mottoes, Hasten! "Whatever Egypt, Napoleon Bonaparte, sum-I thank God that we have gotten at thy hand findeth to do, do with thy moning his troops at the base of the least far enough here for the saloons might, for there is no work, nor pyramids, and pointing to that mira-

> that day! We have a nobler inspiration: From the heights of glory more than forty centuries, more than forty millions of spectators look down upon us! Let us heed their presence. "See-

"The year rolls round, and steals away

"Finish the course." He that hav

ing put his hand to the plow, and

is laid up for me a crown of right-

"Be bold!" There is no greater sin

me in that day.

The breath that first it gave,

We're traveling to the grave.'

Whatever we do, where er we be

ing that we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith."

Home Again.

Dear Br'n of the Ala. Baptist: have just returned from a year's work in the school room, at Harpersville, to our country home near Wilsonville, than cowardice; and moral cowards at which place correspondents will henceforth please address us. We A travefer into the ruins of the an- barely slipped in between a freshet rooms, from one of which, dear old

of parents long and tenderly loved, I E. B. TEAGUE.

The Bible tells us of the stream that it may allure us to the fountain; it tells of the past acts of God's faithful love on God, and to feel assured that He brace the things already named. It tion. "Lay aside every weight and self, for "it is not in man that walketh end .- Thomas Erskine.

Facts from another Standpeint.

Eds. Ala. Baptist: My attention has been called to an article in the las issue of the ALABAMA BAPTIST, (Janfroe, in which he claims to give a statement of the present status of

The statements of the Doctor are in the main, correct. But he does not state all of the facts; and in his remarks touching the action of the grand jury he adroitly assumes the

Now, as a member of that grand ury, and its foreman, I beg the pri the action of that body, and while a another "layman in legal matters," may not agree with him in the cor struction of constitutional law, and the question of jurisdiction, in their relation to the prohibition law of Talscuss these technicalities.

From the curt and derisive mantisfied with the action of that body from the manuscript all that part the report touching the subject of

wing out of the prohibition law, w the law in the county, and upon your honor twice instructed the in most lucid, exhaustive and in ictive charges, it is, perhaps, prop unanimous conclusion. While ear violation of the law, as charged. the bills. A numerical majorious, viewed the matter from ng of indictments. Viewing, and

realizing the gravity of the question, and the space which it occupies in the public mind, it is deemed proper to final report, in justice both to our own body and to the public."

Such, in brief, is the report of the

jury, so far as it relates to the subject of prohibition. The jury was drawn, empaneled, and charged in obedience to the requirements of law. It was composed of men, supposed to possess the average moral and intellectual qualifications, deemed requisite to constitute competent grand jurors, They were the keepers of their own consciences. They endeavored to thoughtful. These brethren and sisdischarge their duties honestly, faithfully, without fear or favor, "the hope of reward," or dread of the sting of how to work together with him in the adverse criticism. More than two- vineyard of the Lord. Our home is thirds of the members of the jury were comfortable and very much after our juror signed the report, but no juror

The blunders of omission and con for the press, and fortunately they are bright, sunny evening for them

not considered unpardonable. The Doctor tells his readers, that s said that this 'discression' was controlled, mainly, by the tacit promis of the liquor men to close on the first the desire, that no indictment should

House. An amendment covering this

ge of your columns for replying briefly to the Doctor's criticisms on adega, I shall not here attempt to

ner in which the Doctor disposes of e grand jury, he is manifestly dis nd its report. Now, that the reader nay better judge of its temper and pressions. I take the liberty of quot-

obibition, which is as follows: Upon the important question state that our body did not reach y juror was agreed, that there was a number of jurors, in the exerof the discretion granted them, ved that the public good would e benefited by a presentation of lleged violators of the law, and re conscientiously declined to he jury, however, equally constandpoint, and favored the

say this much in explanation in our committee, no agent, can hope for

ronounced prohibitionists. Every liking. went to press. When published a crop ton of the marriage of deacon T.]

of printers' errors came to light. ission, on the part of printers, are familiar to all who have ever written

of next month. Such promises had no ed the conviction that a different of prohibition. These are some of the discretion, and they are not recited by

by the plain rule of common sense for it from the first. and equity, the law was inherently lefective, from the beginning, in as much as it failed to protect the holders of unexpired licenses, and therefore ment, that attention was called to this through the electric wire on which it defect in the bill, upon its reaching perches.—Norman Macleye.

defect was proposed, which if added would have necessited its return to closed, and as we pause to review music, furnished by a choir composed the House for concurrence. To avoid what we have gone over, we notice mainly of the young girls and boys of this delay some of the friends of the many defects-many short comings on our church, led by a few of the older bill promptly quieted this objection our part, and as the volume closes members, and in this connection. I by giving the assurance, that there that forms a part of our life record, might say, softly, that we have introshould be no difficulty on that score; we see many pages so imperfectly duced the stringed instruments, which whereupon the bill passed the Senate written, and some almost blank, add very much to our music. and became a law, and in such shape Would that we could recall and re- In conclusion I must say that I am came to the people of Talladega. These are some of the unrecorded and additions as would add to our manifested in prohibition through the facts connected with the history of credit. But alast time has fled not to columns of the BAPTIST. Brethre our prohibition law, and in the opin- return, and opportunities are lost never this is the issue that is pressing it ion of your correspondent, they are to be reclaimed. While our imperfect claims upon us now. Then let us

indictment, under the prohibition fine prospects held out before us, will law;" for under the law as charged there was as much propriety in find- er interest to the pages we are now ing a thousand bills, as /a score-not writing. Solemn thought. one of which, it is believed, under the Each day's existence is a page in circumstances, would have been sus- our life's history, and oh, how anxious tained on trial in court.

in vindication of the jury in this mat- ful, active work. Then we should ter, but more is deemed unnecessary, contemplate the future with our marks and as to the prohibition law, the va- raised above the plains over which we lidity of which is now pending in the have just passed. courts. I do not propose to discuss its Perhaps it would not be inappropri merits either pro or con; for in the ate to give a brief synopsis of the language of Sir Roger DeCoverly, "it work done by our church here. is a subject on which a great deal While we have done well and have may be said on both sides."

W. TAYLOR.

Letter from Bro. W. S. Rogers

Dear Baptist: I find difficulty realizing that I am separated from the work in Alabama. From the begin ning of my ministerial life Alabam enterprises have been specialties with me, and it is a pleasing reflection that those churches which I have served have, without exception, been deeply enlisted in our denominational enterprises, and especially in Alabama en terprises. I have had no occasion to alter the notion with which I began my pastoral labors, that the success of our enterprises must necessarily depend upan the pastors of our chi

tion is the local church, and our churches are generally preachers make them. No board, no success, the pastors to the contrary The pulse of Alabama Baptists flut-

tered when it was announced that Dr. Bailey was to leave the State, and some uneasiness was felt about the fiture of the State work; but the same kind of work on the part of pastors for Bro. Crumpton as that done for Dr. B. will ensure success. It may be gratifying to persona

friends to know that my welcome my new field of labor was cordial and ters know how to make a pastor feel pleasant, and I believe they know

I forgot, rather, was too busy, to read the proof of the report after it tell you before my removal from Clay-Florence, of Midway, and sister Ann Roberts, of Clayton. Both have past the meridian of life, and their friends are delighted at the prospect of a

During my brief pastorate in Clayton many kindnesses were done u which we can never forget, and many acquaintances ripened into eternal friendships. Among the many Christmas presents to us was a purse full of money, which I learned was the result of efforts on the part of Miss Wetie Warren. This whole-souled, accomplished Christian girl is destined to a life of cheer and gladness

One of the truest and most faithful churches which it has been my pleas- W. C. Cleveland, Jas. Hogan, and ure to serve is Enon. The membership is small, with no hope of much enlargement in the near future. They have not an abundance of this world's goods. They make no effort at display, but for deep-toned piety, consecration to the work of the Lord, devotion to a pastor, and unity of spirit, I do not know its like. May the Lord give them a pastor worthy of

I shall continue to feel the deepest advancement of our common cause clination to guess about the first of Nor is this all. Discarding all legal in Alabama. I have read it from the February. Our young men's prayerquibbles and technicalities, and tried first copy, and have been a worker meeting, or young people's meeting as

W. S. ROGERS. Cuthbert, Ga.

Some Birmingham Items.

trace the lines and make such changes | delighted to notice so much interest tions rise up before us we have every raise the white flag, and marshal our juror in the exercise of a wise discre- assurance of God's goodness, and find forces in line ready for the fight. This tion, such indeed, are the facts which so much comfort and blessedness in great evil can, and will only be driven "controlled the discression," of some his gracious promises. We can but from our land, by the united efforts of the jurors at least, in making a 'e- hope that the new year that has just of the Christian people. God speed port without finding a single bill of dawned upon us, resplendent with the day. infuse us with new life, and add great-

we should be that each page should Finally, much more might be said be replete with good deeds, and use-

> been greatly blessed by a kind Providence, much more might have been accomplished, and we think with present prospects and arrangements, much more will be accomplished during the

ensuing year. It is known to many of your readers, that we of necessity, moved to O'Brien's Opera House the first of December, 1884, our church house being entirely too small to accommodate the congregations. Notwithstanding this move was considered impracticable by some, and was severely criticised by a few, and others day was in his last fatal sickness a predicted an inevitable failure, it has Christian friend proposed to sing for been one of the grandest victories him, and the hymn he named was known almost to any Southern church. "Come ve sinners, poor and no Men would go there to hear the

and numbers of them attended the and needy." Vet at that a baptized on the stage, and he is a no- Cuyler. ble young man who rightly belonged to us, being a son of one of our best Christian mothers. Even he had wandered so far off he never went to

It is right and proper that I should add in this connection, that much of this victory is attributed to the untiring efforts, coupled with the pluck and zeal of our beloved pastor. He always had large congregations, to whom he preached earnestly and faithfully. Our last services were held in the Opera House on Sunday, Dec. 27th, when we bade adieu with a degree of sadness; to picturesque walls and bright and cheerful scenery, for we felt that God had been with us there, and blessed our efforts.

Last Thursday night our church in conference granted forty-seven letters to organize a church at the Second Mission in South Birmingham, and fourteen to organize a church at the Fourth Mission in West Birmingham. Dr. Cleveland has moved here and has taken charge of South Birmingham church, which will organize on the third Sunday in this month. We expect then to commence with at least seventy-five members, and a ting forward the edge of the truth innumber of them most excellent members from our church, and others who have not connected themselves sincerity so habitual that they really with us. The very best of feeling do not know when they speak the exists between all of our organizations, truth or not .- Cardinal Manning and we think with Revs. D. I. Purser, time with Ruhama church.

church by next Sunday, but owing to great. - Charles Reade. delay in getting glass and other material to finish up with, will be sadly it is now called, meets every Monday night, and is conducted with a great God is science, and an unselfish. deal of interest. The attendance is civilization whose God is Christ. good, generally one hundred to one R. D. Hitchcock. There are men who no more grasp hundred and twenty-five present. The

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subject is announced so all who desire can take part in the discussion of his Eds. Baptist: The old year has subject. We always have excellent-

G. G. M.

The Pathway to the Well.

Not long ago a friend told us that when a youth he was sent by his father for some purpose or other to a farm which had been for a long time tenantless and neglected. The buildings were going to ruin; the grass had grown in the court yard; the road into the place was almost indistinguishable from the field, along the side of which it ran. There was no trace of the recent presence of human beings. except in one particular, and this was the pathway to the well. That had been trodden by many feet every day for years, and it was still hard almost as asphalt, clearly marked and easily found. So let it be in case with the foot-walk to the mercy seat. Whatever else we neglect, let us keep up the habit of communion with God. Prayer is the key of the position. He who holds that has still God in the reserve, and can say, "The Lord is on my side, I will not fear what man can do unto me."-Wm. M. Taylor.

When the richest American of his

services then who had not heard a stock markets of the globe were watchsermon for years, and as a result of ing and waiting for the death of the the year's work, over two hundred ac- man who could shake them with a cessions have been made to our church. | nod of his head. "Poor and needy!" Included in this number was one of How the sand sweeps from under a the stage managers, converted and man's soul in such an hour as that!-

> The heart's highest attribute is love. To be at rest, moreover, it must find something it can love to infinitude; for love, if it be true love, is without duration. It is eternal, you cannot conceive of any compact with your heart to love an ybody for a month or year or a million of years, at the end of which you may deliberately lapse into indifference. True love is fathomless and boundless, and must therefore, have as its supreme object, one that is fathomless, and boundless as itself. Out of its own depths, therefore, the heart cries aloud for God.

Sing in fine weather! Any bird can do that. Praising God whem all goes well is commonplace work. Everybody marks the nightingale above all other birds because she singeth when the other minstrels of the wood are silent and asleen; and thus doth faith praise God under the cloud. Songs in the day are from man, but God himself giveth songs in the night. - Spurgeon.

guising and concealing, and putstead of showing boldly the full face of it, at last leads men into an in-

Not a day passes over the earth ! ut T. J. Miles as pastors and leaders of men and women of no note do great our four churches here, we ought to deeds, speak great words, and suffer yield up a fine harvest another year. noble sorrows. Of these obscure I left out saying in the proper place, heroes, philosophers, and martyrs, that Dr. Cleveland would divide his the greater part will never be known till that hour when many that were We had hoped to get into our new great shall be small, and the small

God made both tears and laughter, terial to finish up with, will be sadly and both for kind purposes. Tears disappointed, and we are not preparhinder sorrows from becoming despair ed to say definitely when we will be and madness; and laughter is one of ly because on it largely depends the ready for dedication. I have an in- the very privileges of reason, being

More than one of the strong nations

was retro-active in its operation. Our the truth they seem to hold than a services are always conducted by the heavenly love, and only then, are we younger brethren of the church. At best fitted to bear with human infirm

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Montgomery, Ala. INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBILITY.

In its last analysis, church respon sibility is nothing more nor less than more common than when we remind a grand opportunity of doing someitself!" Such expressions are quite what is the church? Is it an abstraction that has an existence, independent of man and woman? Is it an intangible, unknown quantity, on which we can transfer all -individual obligathe church to do thus and so? When from being classed with the liquor

judge. Paddy had heard him curse cense any other source of crime. and swear most profanely on several. The "sale of indulgences" sprang occasions, and ventured to ask him the great Reformation in Germany in answered him that he cursed and y'r riverance, when the Lord damns the judge, what will become of the priest?" We often apply the logic of the Irish wit by asking, when God punishes a church, a community, or a nation, what will become of the peo-

is there is just as much as are found in the citizens of that na- what pious horror we are warned in a church as is found in the individwho compose that church, no more, no less. Whatever is obligatory upon the whole church, is obligatory upon every individual member of that church, in his meas- THE TEACHERS' INSTITUTE, ire at least. Membership in a church Jesus Christ means something. Not la few of our people seem to act as near where the counties of Tuscaloosa, though all they had to do was to en- Bibb and Jefferson join, and in which books, take their passage to heaven was well attended and of uncommon in some "Pullman Sleeping Car," and interest. Beside the thirty or forty never have their slumbers disturbed teachers present, our State Superinuntil they reached the New Terusalem tendent, Hon. Sol. Palmer, and the depot. Now, we have read the wrong able Superintendent of Education book if this is the way to heaven, from Madison county, Prof. Lovett. What is meant by running, striking, who is the principal of the city school wrestling, and the like? Do not men of Huntsville, and editor of the Alaengaged in these exercises put forth bama Teachers' Journal, published at all their power, and exercise their Huntsville, were present, and contribbest caution and judgment? Does uted greatly to the interest of the ocnot the Christian profession place us casion. Having been a teacher at in direct antagnism with all the cher- short intervals in our past life, we were ished habits and maxims of the world? present by special invitation, and felt The maintenance of a consistent Chris- abundantly compensated for some sactian character is no loliday amuse- rifices we made to gratify some friends, has put a new roof on the building. ment. Godliness lays its consecra- A nobler set of men and women than new blinds to the windows, has bought ting hand upon soul, body and spirit, composed that gathering one seldom an organ, stove, hymn-books, table. and bids us devote all to him who meets. The csprit de corps was un and chairs, and made a handsome gave himself for us. Infinite wisdom surpassed by any gathering of the contribution for missions, and paid and love could not demand less-hu- kind we have ever witnessed. The their pastor in full. They intend to man capacity could not yield more papers read, the addresses delivered, repaint their church during the sumnay, gratitude could not dictate less. and the debates that sprung up were mer. This certainly is good work early as possible. Can any Christian man afford to ac- able, terse, piquant, and spicy-all in for such hard times. The church sets cept membership in any church with- the very best spirit. Our State Su- with the First Fruits of all thy inout committing himself to every ser- perintendent, Mr. Palmer, by the crease. So shall thy barns be filled vice the interest and prosperity of that ability of his opening address, by the with plenty.

request for payment. If proper credit has lion copies of old Bunyan's tract, place. not been given within two weeks, notify us "The Heavenly Footman; or, The We cannot close without mentionexpress notice to the contrary, will be re- man who gets to heaven." No man ing three papers read on the occasion, school are growing in interest. Likegarded as wishing to confinue their subscrip- can read that masterful treatise with- and ordered to be placed in the hands wise the second church under the tions. Notice to discontinue should be given at least a week before and not after the out having his soul stirred within him.

S. H. A SIGNIFICANT SIGN.

try looked on it with bated breath, incisiveness, and scholarly finish. test deepened, the whiskey men be- presence. came restive, alarmed, and spared neither money nor liquor nor effort to maintain their hold. The friends of country, and family, could awaken. to-day? Do not delay. Christian people of certain duties, Dr. Hawthorne, perhaps the most elothey at once acknowledge them, and quent pulpit orator in the South, and say, "O, yes, the church ought to see Sam Jones, the great evangelist, led into this matter-the church is bound the temperance forces, sharing the to do this, that, and the other the earnest co-operation of every minister in Mobile and Wyatt in Marion. in the city, white and colored, and such men as Senator Colquitt, Judge thing worthy of her high calling offers Miller, Attorney General Hill, and others no less distinguished and gifted. A contest that enlisted such men as these, involving so tremendous an is sue, could but awaken a profound interest, especially as it was brought on in one of the strong holds of the ene my. Doubtless there were good men tions, and thus quiet our consciences in Atlanta who opposed prohibition by simply saying that it is the duty of on grounds that ought to protect them

and where has the church done any- party as such. As for instance, that thing that was not done by live men prohibition interferes with private whits that temperance is a moral righteousness in their very nature in- question on which legislation is both dividualize men. We sometimes speak unconstitutional a n d unwise-that of national sins; but what are they moral suasion is the only remedy that ago. The Baptist church was broken but the sins of the people who compose can be invoked to cure intemperance into, chairs thrown out of the windows, that nation. We occasionally talk of and the like. Such people are every- the pulpit damaged and pitchers brothe punishment of a nation; but what where, but they are growing beauti- ken is this but the punishment of the peo- fully less as light advances. If the liple of such a nation? Can you reach a quor traffic is a good thing, all onerous church or a State otherwise than taxes ought to be removed from its date with a concert by the famous through the individuals who compose sale, and it ought to be put on the Kellogg Company with nine artists in either? We have sometimes been re- same basis of all other kinds of merminded of the Irishman and his priest, chandise; if it is a bad thing the State Kellogg. of which we read many years ago. has no right to become a party to it The story goes that the priest acted, by protecting it for a moneyed considin the double capacity of priest and eration, any more than it has to li-

one day how he reconciled such con- the sixteen century. It brought crime duct with his holy calling. The priest up to the point where forbearance was impossible, and the recoil was terrific. swore as a judge, not as a priest. His The "sale of indulgences" to scatter Irish parishioner responded, "Well, "fire brands, arrows, and death" from whiskey shops, has reached a point absolutely appalling, and aroused a moral sentiment in the nineteenth century that is destined to sweep the country. While legislation was all on the side of whiskey there was no cry raised that it was unconstitutional But when legislation is invoked on honesty and moral worth in a nation the other side, it is curious to see with tion. And there is just as much piety against infracting that sacred chart of our liberties! Be not alarmed; the temperance men are at least as safe custodians of constitutions as the dram

sellers and their victims.

Lately held at Green Pond, a point

church demands? Can he allow him- earnest spirit with which he entered | A noble deed of heroism was that self to be a "dead beat," a "tramp," into the business of the occasion, the of Conductor T. O. Harris, on the and live spiritually on the charities of urbane manner with which he min- occasion of the recent accident on the his brethren? We care not how poor gled with the teachers as if he had I. & N. R. R. He bravely swamthe he is if he cannot do one thing he been one of them, won the confidence creek and, with his frozen clothes the Foreign Mission Journal for Jan- sentiment becomes deeper rooted as be as influential as if he had his thou- ing been a teacher himself, as we re- he will recover. pennies as effective as the Savior judgment, and those broad sympa- under the pastoral care of Rev. foreign missions can not refuse to in a good condition, and the spirit of made the "five loaves and two fishes" thies that beam forth on as benignant Robert H. Harris, to whom the come up generously and promptly liberality seems on the improve. This, der on Montgomery or bank check on Montgomery or bank check on Montgomery or New York. When neither of in the wilderness in feeding the "five a countenance as one ever looks on, people have given a most cordial to the support of their Christ-ordained to my mind, is a good test of the spir-Mr. Palmer really inspires all who welcome. The members have rallied work. We have at times wished that some share his acquaintance with the con- enthusiastically about him; the congrepublishing house would issue a mil- viction that he is exactly in the right gations are large, the young men ar-

Education for Tuscaloosa county; another, by our brother Yerby, so well The prohibition contest in the city known as one of our best preachers of Atlanta excited a kind of national land teachers; the other, by Miss Alinterest, because it was the only city len, on "Morals and Manners in the of large size in which that question School." The latter paper called out had been tackled. The whole coun- many commendations for its ability,

liquor and anti-liquor men. It was a The community around Green kind of headquarters of alcohol, where | Pond vied with each other in their the monster had had his own way so kindness and hospitality, and attendlong that he smiled at the credulity of ed all the exercises from first to last, the Prohibition party when they un- filling the spacious church house dertook to dislodge him. As the con- where the Institute was held with their

HELP THE BOARDS.

In other columns are appeals from sobriety and morality put forth all the board of Ministerial Education. efforts that the glorious cause could the Home and the Foreign Boards. inspire, animated as they were by all These Boards all need money and individual responsibility. Nothing is the sacred behests that God, and need it now. Can you not help them

FIELD NOTES.

We are very sorry to note the severe

elected president of the Board of of the Howard and Judson and among Foreign Missions of the Southern the pupils of those institutions scat-Baptist Convention, vice Hon. J. L. tered all over this land there will be

The First church, Montgomery, has already appointed a committee of arrangements in preparation for the Southern Baptist Convention which will meet here on May 7th.

The new English Parliament will contain seven Baptists. The English government once regarded it as crime worthy of chains and death to be a Baptist. The world moves.

A shameful act of vandalism was committed at Tuskaloosa a few days

The young ladies of the Judson Institute are to be favored at an early addition to the cultivated Clara Louise

After an illness of six weeks, Mrs. Chas. P. Fountain died in Greenville on the 16th. The many friends of Bro. Fountain will sympathize with him in his deep affliction. She leaves two children.

Rev. A. W. McGaha was married in Huntsville to Miss Mosetta Miller on January 13th. We extend our congratulations. Since he has found a helpmeet we shall expect him to be

On the third Sabbath in Septemof the ministry, Brn. C. J. Miles and

Brn. C. I. Miles and A. I. Hearne recently constituted a church at covenant was read, and articles of faith are to be presented hereafter. Membership is not stated.

Miss Ida Woodfin daughter, of Rev. Dr. A. B. Woodfin, was married at Hampton, Va., on the 12th, by her father to Mr. J. L. Cobbs, Jr., of Montgomery. We extend congratulations for her many friends.

Rev. O. F. Gregory seems much pleased with his new field, High St. Baltimore, He says his congregations are large, attentive and growing. He will have special meetings this month. May the Lord bless him abundantly!

The importance of systematic giving as a part of the worship was thus urged Sunday by a New York clergyman. "A single dollar," he said, "may look large, but when spread out over a year it is too thin to lie down upon and pray Thy kingdom

Concord church, Monroe County,

can do another. If he can pay but of all, and vindicated the wisdom of clinging to him, he faced the wind uary, 1886, two others have been the days go by. Thank God there is little he can live as well as the best. his re-election for the responsible posi- and hurried back to flag an approach- added to our list of missionaries, a fair prospect of shielding our boys He can pray, attend his meetings, gion he fills. A graduate of our State ing passenger train of its danger. He They sail to Africa, with brother from this worst of curses. and give to his church the benefit of University, identified with the inter- has been quite ill from the exposure, David, the 7th of January. This a blameless life. His example can ests of Alabama all his life, and hav- and many prayers have ascended that addition makes twelve new missionsands. If they come from a warm, member, for some years, all this com- We learn that there is new life in forcements were indispensable. Our and times hard for a fact. Notwithbe ordered in advance, are worth six cents consecrated heart, God can make his bined with sound practical sense and the First church, finances are

tend in greater numbers than ever; and the prayer-meeting and Sunday of the editor of the Teachers' Journal, charge of Rev. J. W. Howard, and Georgia Prof. Lovett, for publication. The the churches across the river at Girard one by R. S. Cox, Superintendent of and Brownsville, Ala., are making Maryland good reports. The meeting here conducted by Mr.

Thomason, the evangelist who has Tennessee lately come into note, will close morrow night, at which time Mr. 7. will preach his farewell sermon. The Other States . result of the evangelical visit to this place cannot be told in words. has only been here about ten days, and notwithstanding the extreme cold weather, he succeeded in arousing an interest never before manifested here. It would be hard to describe Mr. Thomason. In other words, "he deductions. About \$5,000 of it, as cannot be put into print." He is a explained in June, was really conborn revivalist. He goes from here to tributed, mostly in Georgia and Eufaula. -M., Evergreen.

McAllister of Marion. He died on given by Mr. Bucknell to Mexican the night of the 13th, quietly and schools, and \$1,000 by the Publication peacefully. He had been lingering Society for Bible work. The real ad for some time with consumption and vance in regular contributions has his death was not unexpected. He been some \$5,000, gallantly led by was a leading member of the Baptist North Carolina. church and for several years Treaslosses by fire recently of Brn. Bush urer of the Board of Trustees of the Rev. Dr. H. H. Harris has been years he was one of the physicians sorrow for his death and sympathy for his devoted wife and children He leaves a record of which the whole denomination may feel proud Just as we suspected, the bishop at

> ed royally by his people. We hear of a pastor about Selma who was turkeyed and then dressed up in the handsomest study gown to be found in Louisville. Of course the ladies were the thoughtful ones. By the way, the pastor of that church, wise man that he is, is reaching out after the young men of his place. He is now preaching a series of Sunday night sermons addressed to young men. These are his subjects: "Nature and the Bible,"

"Belief in the Supernatural," "Our knowledge of the Supernatural," "The Testimony of the Human Heart,' The Arguments for the Divine Origin of the Scriptures," and "Our Belief in the Scriptures." The discusmust do great good not only to the

sympathy with young men. Attention, Ladies!

last quarter to appear in the ALABAMA shadow of death. BAPTIST, but as yet we have no report.

It is very certain that the corresponding secretary of the Central Comber, S. A. Adams, son of Rev. H. mittee cannot make a report unless Adams, was ordained to the full work | the corresponding secretary of each association send their reports to her. A. J. Hearne being the presbytery, and it is little that they can do if the secretary of each society does not report to them. This work does not depend upon one person and it is impossible for one person to do it.

The State Convention resolutions require all money to sent to the treasurer of the Central Committee, Mrs. Wm. A. Davis, Montgomery, Ala.

It is not yet too late to send the quarterly report, as it may be proper

association, number of memhers in it doesn't take much religion to do each society, when each society was most church members. We do not formed, its post office, church, presi- expect that class to become interested dent, and secretary, the amount of until they get more of the grace of money given by each society for the God in their hearts. However, there last quarter, and also name the asso- is more active Christian work done ciation to which each society belongs, here than ever before.

MRS. M. C. DAVIS. Cor. Sec. C. C.

Home Mission Board.

The pressing necessities of our-Board require immediate and liberal contributions. We have two hundred men in our employ who are doing faithful work. They have reported three thousand baptisms since May last. They must be sustained. They are dependent upon us for support. They need help and they need it now. We rely upon our brethren who have so kindly helped us in the past, to aid us now. Forward contributions as I. T. TICHENOR, Cor. Sec.

Atlanta, Ga. pentance. - Luther.

aries since May last. These rein- low prices makes money scarce H. A. TUPPER,

Cor. Secretary.

RECEIPTS OF EIGHT MONTHS. \$ 1,375 88 \$ 1,945 48 3,252 36 1,202 95

\$36,669 43 \$48,426 69 For the sake of comparison we put with the receipts from May 1st, to Dec. 21st, 1885, those for the corresponding period of 1884. The increase of \$12,000 over last year looks well at first sight, but is liable to some Texas, last year, but brought into It is with very great sorrow that this year's account; \$2,000 more are we chronicle the death of Dr. W. T. donations from Philadelphia-\$1,000

LIABILITIES. The policy of the Board in allowng treasurers of the several missions to draw quarterly in advance for the amounts appropriated for their support, requires the payment of these drafts when presented, whether there is any money on hand or not. Thus our treasury is overdrawn to the extent of \$13,000. The ten missionaries are now on the ocean going to their fields. The appropriations of Marion was not the only pastor treat- the next quarter must necessarily be

financial year at least \$50,000. ably, yes. It is but a small sum for the million of Southern white Baptists. In the same period of last year they gave for foreign missions over \$30,ooo. God has blessed them this year with better crops, a revival of business, a more hopeful outlook. If we regard their real ability, twice the sum asked for would be but a trifle. But will it be raised? Ah, brother, sion of these subjects by such a man that is the question, we anxiously ask you. You are ready to do your part. young but to all classes. Pastors look Yes, certainly, but will you double as to make up for the tens of thouthan you are, who will not see this The time has arrived for the report appeal or hear the cry of the nations

> The case is urgent, the need is great. Help, and help now.

From Furman (Snow Hill)

The cause of Christ survives, and some extent flourishes, here in spite of the cold and trying winter. The attendance at church is good, the preaching excellent, the Sabbath school keeps up in interest if not in numbers, and we have best of alla live weekly prayer meeting. Many brethren who have never before taken any interest in these things are very active and developing splendidly. No village in my knowledge ever had so for it to appear in the last paper of good a prayer meeting. Others say this month, or even later. Please at- the same of us. 'Tis true that the entire church is not interested specially Report number of societies in each in these things. It is often said that Winter and Christmas are specially

trying times to our country churches. That hateful, pernicious notion "that get drunk you need not care," still of the following States the amounts place. In Tuscumbia there is prevails to a considerable extent. A time to shelve our religion; a time to dance, drink, to debauch in every N. Carolina. 2,000; Tenn way! What an idea! What a perversion of what should be a time of great gratitude and thankfulness and reconsecration to the service of our God!

On the whole, we have passed through this trying time with but little to mar our spiritual or fraternal enjoy- can easily be raised if our pastors and ment. Of course, there have been people will only try, and, as their ser- life, that something good and great, \$35,190.82; 7, Talladega, with an assome excessive drinking and looseness vants appointed by them to do their among church members; but less than work, we do earnestly entreat them usual. We expect this state of things. To do so no more is the truest re- This class are never more than a dead weight to the church, and every

church will have a few such hangers Associational Missionary Meeting on in spite of fate. God pity such!

Ours is, and has been for sor Since the following appeared in years, a prohibition district, and the

> The crop yield for 1885 very short, and this coupled itual condition of a people. A man that is a cheerful, ready, liberal giver for the cause of Christ, as a rule, is apt to be spiritually minded.

It rejoices us to learn of the great spiritual revivals that are occurring so constantly. May the good work go 6,779 33 on, and the church of God do her whole duty. See to it that good laws 1,574 93 are enacted and good men put into office then. The outlook for Zion is Compromising the Pastor's Salary 4,749 43 encouraging. We propose here, by the grace of God, not to be laggards nor cowards in the great conflict upon us. Bold, aggressive, "quit you like men" Christians is the need of the thing of the kind has more than once

Home Mission Beard

The Home Mission Board of Southern Baptist Convention begs the attention of the brethren to the follow-

In compliance with the expresse wish of the Convention, which removed it to Atlanta, the Board enlarged its work as rapidly as the

means furnished it would justify. The number of its missionaries ! been increased from thirty-four. 1882, to fully two hundred. As a result of their labors, the baptism of converts has increased from one hun dred and nineteen, reported in 1882, to 2,931, reported in 1885. A corresponding increase is shown in every other item of labor reported by them to the Board. The present is even more fruitful in blessed results than any one of the past. The first six months show 2,800 baptisms, and the reports for the third quarter, now coming in, justify the expectation that 4,000 baptisms will be reported daying the present conventional year.

Even with this enlargement of our

work, the Board feels that, so far proportionately larger. To pay the The scope of this address will not the pastor in the ordination of Bro. debt already accumulated, and sup- permit us to enter into details upon A. A. Baker to the Deaconship. The port the work on its present basis, to this point. We must content our services were of this order: First, sersay nothing of entering open doors selves with calling attention to the mon on the qualifications and duties in every continent, will require in the half-supplied wants of such States as of a deacon at 11 a. m., by J. Gunn. four months that yet remain of our Arkansas, Louisiana, Florida, and the At night the exercises were continue Can this be raised? Unquestion- some of our great cities, as New Or. by Rev. A. W. McGaha. Then folstruggling Sunday-schools that ought into the office as deacon. to be helped, and to the many, many places where they ought to be established to the thousand white Baptist churches in the South that have no well to your young men. Keep in or quadruple your fair proportion, so houses of worship, and last, but by no means least, to the spiritual need of sands, less favored, less enlightened seven millions of negroes among us. We do not exaggerate the facts when we say that our work is but. of Woman's Missionary Work for this that sit in the darkness and in the begun, and that our resources are totally inadequate to our needs.

the last meeting of the Southern Bantist Convention, the Board asked that body to sanction the increase of its expenditures to one hundred thousand dollars, and named amounts which certain States were desired to The convention authorized this enlargement, and by special reso lution urged these States to raise the amounts requested, and the members of the convention pledged themselves, individually, to use their best es

deavors to accomplish this desired Some of these States have respon ed to this call, and the receipts of our v ten thousand dollars greater than time, relying upon the pledges of the

Maryland, . . \$2,000; Alabama, . . \$2,000; ponding amounts for the work we are

pared with the number and ability of our brethren in these States. They not to neglect the interest they have

> I. T. TICHENOR, Corresponding Secretary.

To be held with Indian Creek church, Butler county, of Alabama Association, Jan. 20th, 30th and 31st, 1886. The necessity of the gospel ministry. Eld. M. Bishop and Dr. D. D. Clear Creek,

Jones, speakers. How may Christians assist the ministry in preaching the gospel? Eld. A. F. Goldsmith and Bro. I. A.

Should all Christians assist in sending the gospel to the destitute? Eld R. M. Burt and Bro. I. C. Fonville. Exposition of 2nd Cor. 9: 8-14. Eld. W. C. Avant and Bro. S. A. Satterwhite.

Exposition of Malachi 3: 14. Eld. G. W. Webb and Eld. W. H. Cheat-

Can a church of God prosper with out brotherly love? Eld. T. E. Mor- Etowah,

gan and Bro. J. L. Hinson.

G. W. McQUEEN. Chairman Asso. Board.

The Religious Herald mentions shameful incident which is not confined to any one locality, because someoccurred in Indiana as well as in other States. We re-produce it that its meanness may be seen, and avoided.

"The pastor travels sixty miles o

horseback twelve times a year (he is a once a month pastor) in meeting his appointments, on a salary of \$100 a year, and the church has gotten \$125 in paying him. The writer was present at the last church conference and presided while the subject was under discussion. A committee was appointed to confer with the pastor about the \$125, and they stepped out a moment and returned with this report: 'As the pastor has failed to meet some of his appointments, we have The office of the Opelika Times was agreed to put the amount due him at burned. \$75, he giving up \$50 of his claim,' The pastor explained that he had which places the succession in the buried his wife after a long season Cabinet, has passed the House withof poor health, and that caused him ments. The report of the committ was laid on the table for future action. If adopted, it will save the church

Huntsville Baptist Church.

\$50.—Indiana Baptist.

We had the pleasure of a visit to from having reached the limit of its the above church on the 10th inst. field, it has but fairly entered upon it. The object of our visit was to assist Indian Territory; to the destitution in by an examination of the candidate. leans, St. Louis, Memphis, Charles lowed the charge to the elected deaton and Washington, which are now con by J. Gunn, and a charge to the calling to us for help; to the scores of church to heartily co-operate with the growing towns that are without a Bap- deacons by Rev. A. W. McGaha, tist church or house of worship; to the then the ordaining prayer and laying numberless districts in our mountain on of hands, and during a song the region where the missionary finds presbytery and church members gave fruitful fields among the needy; to the to Bro. Baker the hand of welcome

REMARKS. learn, is a pious, good man, and will be a great help to the church.

and. The church at Huntsville has now seven deacons, as many as the church at Jerusalem had in the days of the apostles. (Acts 6.)

The church itself is a body of earnest, faithful Christians, and with the leadership of their pious and talented pastor, A. W. McGaha, have a bright

Trinity, Jan. 15th.

Sheffield

I wish to call the attention of the a place that should be at once occupecially do I wish to direct the attenthis point, as one of too great importance to be overlooked, not simply because there is much water there, boards since last May have been near but because there is much people there, and thereabouts. Sheffield is liquor contests, and no liquor will be during the corresponding period of situated on the bank of the Tennessee sold in either place unless a contrary the previous year. The Board, mean river, between Florence on the north decision shall be rendered by a higher and Tuscumbia on the south, both of court. In Greenville the saloons have brethren of the Convention, has so far which are good sized towns, containincreased its work that this addition ing possibly two thousand souls each. to its funds has not met its necessities. If Sheffield grows, or jumps up, as it We are now unable to meet our obli- is expected she will, she will soon be gations without heavily overdrawing as large as either, or both of the other our treasury. It will require twenty towns. Then there will be three thousand dollars in cash, over and towns in sight of each other, and, sad above what will be raised on our mis- to say, no Baptist pastor or evangelsion fields to carry us safely through ist in either of them. In Florence the remainder of the conventional there is no Baptist church, but I learn Christmas comes but once a year, if I year. To meet this necessity we ask that there are a few Baptists in the church of about fifty members and a 1,000; good house, but it is pasterless. In 1,000; Sheffield there is no house, but a 1,000. good lot given to the Baptists. Now The other States will raise corres- I very much desire that our Board send one preacher to preach in this I. GUNN.

Trinity, Jan. 15th.

something really worthy to be done, is laid upon us? It is not self-indulgence allowed, but victory achieved, that can make fit happiness for men. --[H. Bushnell.

Association Minutes Wanted

I need the following Minutes for 1885 Mad Creek, Mount Carmet. New River. Pea River, Town Creek, Warrior River.

Evergreen Weogufka, other in each associatio please favor me with a copy of Minutes of WM. A. DAVIS,

Statistical Secretary, Montgomery, Ala. Bro. W. B. Crumpton needs the following Minutes for 1885 to complete his file. Please mail him a copy at once to Marion, Ala. Macedonia,

Mount Carmel Mobile Baptist Union Mud Creek, Rock Mills. Sandy Creek, Town Creek, Harmony west Troy, Warrior River,

Board of Ministerial Education Need of Funds.

Yellow Creek.

Liberty, north,

Weogufka,

On the first day of February the treasury will be exhausted. Bills are resented on the first day of each month. We have no credit. We make this earnest appeal to every friend of Ministerial Education in the State. If funds are not supplied, only one thing can be done, we must ask our young brethren to go home before the close of the session.

Brethren, we will need the money as soon as you can send it. Do let is hear from you as soon as possible We confidently look for the money

W. C. CLEVELAND. Secular News.

Mobile has had a \$200,000 fire, and Marion and Opelika large fires.

The Presidential Succession Bill out amendment. The State Normal Female Acade

my, at Livington, presided over by Dr. Carlos Smith and Miss Julia Tutwiler, has 128 pupils. The prohibitionists of North Caro-

lina have formed themselves into a political party, and resolved that they will not support the candidates of either of the old parties unless they favor prohibition. Alabama is honored by the Speaker

of the National House of Representa-

tives in the appointment of Col. Herbert as Chairman of the Committee on Naval Affairs and Col. Oates as Chairman of the Committee on Revis ion of Laws. The daily Montgomery Advertiser is first-class temperance publication

for its excellent corps of correspondents constantly write up the advance of temperance sentiment throughout Alabama, and the growth of the sen timent is marvellous, Out of the eight delegates at large from Alabama to the Charleston Convention in 1860, Gen. Levi Welburn

Lawler alone is living. William L. 1st. This brother A. A. Baker, we Yancey, F. S. Lyon, D. W. Baine, Leroy Pope Walker, John A. Winston, A. B. Meek and Henry D. Smith, are dead.

> There are 367 institutions in the world for the education of deaf mutes. There are 800,000 deaf mutes. Germany has ninety schools, France sixtyseven, Great Britain forty-six, and the United States thirty-eight, Second to none of the latter is the institution located at Talladega, Ala Greenville

Out of the forty-six House committees, Southern men have been given the chairmanship of twenty-four. This Baptists to the above named place, as is very easily accounted for, so-wit: The Southern members of the House pied by the Baptist people. And es- of Representatives are men of brains and ability or at least most of them tion of the State Board and the boards are—and Speaker Carlisle fully appreof the Southern Baptist Convention to ciated the necessity of having able men at the head of the various com-

The temperance men gained their point in the Opelika and Clanton closed by advice of counsel until the Probate Judge shall recover from a sickness and hear their case. Let the good work go on. At the rate of progress for the past few months Alabama will soon rival Georgia as a temperance State.

The State Auditor's Report shows the following counties as paying largest tax among the sixty-six counties of Alabama, as taken from the assessment of taxes in the said counties: Mobile with an assessment for 1885 of \$98,589.03; 2, Montgomery with an assessment of \$81, 183.55; 3, Jefferson with an assessment of \$66,985,-05; 4, Dallas with an assessment of \$48, 202.00; 5; Barbour with an assessment of \$27,328.62; 6, Madison with an assessment for the year 1884. What is it but the zest and glory of (returns of 1885 not being on file, sessment of \$24,235-33-

The most divine light only shineth on those minds which are purged from all worldly dross and human ness.—[Sir Walter Raleigh

"Well," said a lawyer as he entered his condemned client's cell, "good news at last."
"A reprieve?" exclaimed the prisoner. "No, not a reprieve, but your uncle has died and ble efforts of your lawyer in your behalf will

There were all the evidences of a coming storm; the very air vibrated THE LAST OF THE LINE. By Miss L. with the odor of danger! but when the kind father took from his pocket a bottle of Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup then came a calm, for the baby had the croup and would now get well.

A dry-goods clerk took his girl out for ice cream the other night, and in a moment of absent mindedness, thinking that he was waiting upon a customer, said cordially.
"Anything else" She took lemonade and cake. [Rochester Democrat.

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The "Southern Bivouac" of Louisville, Ky., whose advertisement appears in this issue of our paper will be found to contain very interesting reading, and, as its name Homiletic Magazine alone is \$3.00, indicates, will commend itself especially to and to The Pulpit Treasury, \$2.50. all participants in the late war.

Christ comes with a blessing in each hand; forgiveness in one and holiness in the other, and never gives either to any who will not

Vick's Floral Guide for 1886, the pioneer seed annual of America, comes to us this year a real gem, not a dry list of hard botanical nemes, but over thirty pages of reading matter, among which are articles on Roses, Culture, Mushrooms, Manures, Young Gartions, descriptions and prices of seemingly everything the heart could desire in the line a mystery how this firm can afford to publish, and really give way, this beautiful work of nearly 200 pages of finest paper, with hun- is thought that the composite should Plates, all enclosed in an elegant cover. Any Guide, to James Vick, Seedsman, Roches-

warm, oppressive weather, I can excuse a of the Franklin Institute. little drowsiness during my sermon, but I do wish you would try to keep awake while the collection is being taken up.'

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Reflection is an angel who every day bears reports to heaven of our Dr. J. C. Hiden, Dr. C. Tyree, doings here, and when the books are Prof. B. Puryear, Dr. J. Wm. Jones, opened we must answer for the records | Dr. W. W. Landrum, Dr. Andrew

kept. - Haslitt. Honey of Horehound and Tar. It softens the cough, relieves the windpipe and bronchial tubes of mucus, tones the lungs and the membranes of termined to present Mrs. Brown with the throat, and restores to the organs a part of the proceeds, though she of respiration their natural strength and vigor. -25c., 5oc., and \$11

The mule has one more leg than a milking stool, and he can stand on one and wave Wharton & Co., Baltimore, Md. the other three around in as many different, directions .- [Goodall's Sun.

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"Miss Little is very slight, ain't she?" asked Jaimson. "Yes," said Johnson, who had been jilted by her the evening before; "yes, and she is not satisfied with being slight herself, but would slight me, also."-

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Apportionment of Undesignated Funds.

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Bible Work,
Evangelization Colored People,

W. B. CRUMPTON, Cor. Sec.

Literary Notes.

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Bates. 12mo., 318 pp. Price,

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THE HOMILETIC MAGAZINE of London, commencing Volume XIV, with Jan. 1886, announces that an American Edition issued simultane ously with the London Edition will be published from the office of The Pulpit Treasury, 771 Broadway, New York, E. B. Treat, Publisher.

This arrangement places two first An Ohio court, says Burdette, has decided that the husband is the legal owner of the wife's clothes. If that isn't like an Ohio Homiletic Magazine of London and Homiletic Magazine of London and The Pulpit Treasury of New York, address for \$4.00; postage prepaid. The annual subscription to The

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Brown, D. D., L. L. D., late profes-Col. T. J. Evans, Prof. C. L. Cocke, Broadus, Dr. C. H. Ryland and LEARN THE TRUTH about Hale's others. It will be handsomely gotten up, and sold at a low price by subscription. The publishers have demakes no request or claim. Persons should address the publishers, H. M. 9th day of January, 1834. Sister Har-

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me."—[Ex. present volume we have a commen- spoke of her departure, to meet her tary that is exceedingly careful in its blessed Lord, and dwell with him forinterpretation of the letter of the ever. Truly the death of the right-At the Board meeting of January 12th in Gospel, while it is peculiarly successful in the development of its spirit. Its issue is very timely; as the Inter-

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Near Indian Springs, Jan. 7, 1886, at the residence of the bride's father, by Rev. A. P. Majors, Mr. George Forte to Miss Bobbie Chavers.

Near Sedan, Wilcox county, Jan. 6th, 1886, at the residence of the bride's father, by Rev. A. P. Majors, Mr. Charlie Hall to Miss Nellie Lee Near Fatama, Wilcox county, Jan,

the doctrines commonly held by Bap- 6th, 1886, at the residence of J. E. Burson, by Rev. A. P. Majors, Mr. Louis Coursig to Miss Polly Burson Near Columbia at the residence of \$1.25. Philadelphia: American the bride's father, on the 31st of De-

> Near Newburg, Franklin county, Alabama, at the residence of the bride's father, Dec. 22nd, 1885, by Rev. W. T. Summers, Mr. George W.

cember, 1835, by Rev. J. L. Thomp-

King to Miss Florence Britnell. At 2 o'clock p. m., at the bride's residence, Dec, 26th, by Eld. J. K. Ryan, Mr. J. A. Hale, of York, Ala.

As half in the shade and half in the sun, This world along its path advances; May that side the sun's upon Be all that ever may meet their glances

J. K. R. On the 31st of December, 1885, at the residence of Capt. I. T. Morgan, near Dudleyville, Ala., by the Rev. Geo. E. Brewer, Mr. Edgar Brewer, of Opelika, was married to Miss Mary L. Morgan, of Chambers county.

A pleasant party was present to witness the ceremony and share in the festivities of the occasion. Soon after dinner the married couple started for Opelika, their future home, best wishes of many friends of both offers to send both. Magazines to one parties go with them, accompanied by earnest prayers and hopes for their future happiness and prosperity.

Rev. William Pritchett

Was born in Dinwiddie county Virginia, 1814. His parents died when he was three years old, and he was left to the cold charities of the world. At the age of fourteen he moved to Heard county, Ga.; at twenty he was united in marriage to Miss M. A. P. Bates. About this date, a sense of his duty to God caused him to attend the house of worship, and feeling a deep sense of his sin and guilt, using his own language, "I had no counselor on earth to whom I could look, so I turned and looked to God, and cried with all my soul to him to have mercy and pardon me for Christ's sake; he came to my help, rolled away my burden of sin and guilt and saved me, and caused me to

rejoice in the God of my salvation?" As soon as opportunity offered he united with Bethel Baptist church, LIFE OF DR. A. B. BROWN, D.D., L.L.D. Heard county, Ga. Began to proclaim We are pleased to announce that the good news, and in 1853 was or-Messrs. H. M. Wharton & Co., of dained to the gospel ministry. In Baltimore will soon issue a memorial 1857 he moved to Alabama, and soon volume in honor of Rev. A. B. thereafter he was appointed colporteur and missionary, in which holy calling sor in Richmond college. The book he remained till Dec. 12, 1885, when is now being prepared by Dr. and the Master met him and bade him to natural between friends, be they rich or Mrs. W. E. Hatcher and will also his final rest. Had eight childrencontain articles by the following able six sons and two daughters. His wife of the volume. Have you heard of Dr. J. H. McLean's writers: Dr. John. A. Broadus, Prof. and one son and one daughter went John Hart, Dr. H. A. Tupper, Prof. before him; left five sons and one W. R. Vaughan, Dr. H. H. Harris, daughter and a large circle of friends who feel keenly his loss.

Mary Harbin.

It is with deepest sorrow that we chronicle the death of this aged and Christian lady, who died in Fayette county, Dec. 18, 1885.

Sister Harbin was a Tannehill before marriage. She was born in Tennessee on the 10th day of July, 1814. She was married to Rev. L. B. Hardesiring to act as agents for this work bin in Fayette county, Ala., on the bin made an open confession of Christ and was baptized into the fellowship COMMENTARY ON THE GOSPEL OF of Mt. Joy church, by Rev. Abner JOHN. By Alvah Hovey, D. Files, in the month of May, 1844. D., L.L.D. Octavo, 423 pp. Price, She was holding membership at the

We tender our condolence to our

in Bethlehem church, Tuscaloosa

lins, Charles G. LeLand, Henry Eckford, J. W. Rogers, Her Pastor.

Julian, Ala., Jan. 9, 1886.

In Memoriam--Jas. McCall.

As a token of love and memorial of high esteem for our dear brother and lamented friend, Bro. James McCall, who so beautifully exemplified the Christian life on the 3rd inst., when death's icy hand unfolded to him the Master's sweet message, "Come," and as a beautiful star fading into azure beauty before morning sunshine, his life faded peacefully into rest before the revealed glories that burst through the pearly portals of the beautiful gate of the "New Jerusalem;" and to him

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"Bless the poor children who haven't any be is to night," prayed a little boy, just before he lay down in his nice warm cot, on a cold, windy night. As he rose from his knees his

mother said to him, "You have just

asked God to bless the poor children; what will you do to bless them?" The boy thought a moment, "Why if I had a hundred cakes, enough for ourselves, I'd give them some.' "But you have no cakes."

"Well, when I get money enough to buy all the things I want, and have some over, I'll give them some." "But you haven't half enough money to buy all you want, and perhaps never will have. I want to know what you will do to help them now.

"I'll give them some bread." "You have no bread; the bread is

"Then I could earn money, and bhy a loaf myself."

"Take things as they now are." You know what you have that is your own. What are you willing to give to help the poor?"

The boy thought again. 'I'll give them half my money. I have fourpence, and I'll give them two. Would that be right?"

"Twopence would not go very far in making a child, so poor that it had no bed, as comfortable and well provided for as you are. Twopence towards food, clothes, books, and a bed for such a one, and two just for pencils or sweets for yourself, don't

"Then, mother, I'll give all my money; and I wish I had more to give," said the little fellow as he took his good-night kiss.

Now don't you think his bed was made soft that night by his pity for the poor and shelterless? Don't you think he slept the more sweetly, and that ministering spirits watched his couch more lovingly, because he was growing to be somewhat like our Heavenly Father, who "spared not his own son, but delivered him up

A great many children pity the poor a little, and wish God would be package of goods of large value, that will kind to them and take care of them. start you in work that will at once bring you Perhaps they even pray him to do it, in money faster than anything else in like the little boy in my story. But America. All about the \$200,000 in pres- I am afraid too many of them would have God do all the work. They don't want to help much; they don't so queer!" lutely assured. Don't delay. H. Hallerr own; they don't want to trouble them- said Martha. selves much about it. They do not really love their poor neighbors as they do themselves .-- Chaildren's

Self Righteousness.

met a poor beggar, and he thought-"That man would represent the anyway." did not recognize him. He said them." "You made an appointment with me." "Well, you do find it there some after she was done."

you before." "You are mistaken; ing, and Aunt Hatty is with her." you did see me, and made an appointsome other artist. I have an appoint- burst of lamentation. ment to meet a beggar here at this "O mother! we've lost it we can't be half so nice." hour," \ "Well," says the beggar; "I find it anywhere." am the man." "You the man?" "Yes." "What have you been do- and Aunt Hatty. ing? Well, I thought I would get painted." "Well," says the artist, study chair. Isn't it too bad?"

coming to God, come just as you are. "When did you miss it?" Do not go and put on some garments good thoughts and desires.

great blood purifier.

A Kindness to Moody in his Boy-

from home, a fatherless boy, to a place some thirteen miles away. I we both walked along the street my brother said: "Look, there is an old man coming down the street who will give you a cent. He gives every one who comes here a cent." He

came along and as we got right opposite to him, he wheeled around and looked at me, and said, "Are you a new boy in town?" My brother who was afraid I would lose a cent, said "Yes," He placed his trembling hand on my head and spoke so kindly and told me I had a father in was quite accustomed to similar disThey were two very woman's little PRS' Pials. They cast but a faint light, it ly, and told me I had a father in is true, but they may serve to attract at heaven. Oh, how those words tention toward the most remarkable medi- cheered me as he took out a bright, cine that is put up in this or any other country. Many men, women, and children are now lying in their graves who would be alive and well if they only had known the power of this graves who would shall never forget that little act. the power of this great remedy. Where ma- Hundreds of you aged ones can give laria causes disease the FARMERS' PILLS is a kind word in season to those who

Offensive breath vanishes with the

use of Dr. Sage's Catarrh Remedy. highest attainments have always per- and that was the last time we saw it. and Louisa and the minister; but the formed missionary work in the past. Louisa and I both remember it. We minister's wife, poor Mrs. Green's This was especially the case with St. both thought we put it in the closet, cheeks turned rosy pink; but every paul, the chief of the apostles. In the in the basket, after we showed it."

One else listened just as composedly primitive church the missionary field primitive church the missionary field demanded the greatest sacrifice and the have been there," said their mother. about it, they thought the minister highest talent that could be obtained. She could not help thinking what a had a curiously embroidered pocket The same is true to-day. The obliga- lesson in order this was to two dis- hankerchief. tion to perform this work, rested upon orderly girls, but it was a pretty severe Martha and Louisa stopped giggling no uncertain or imaginary founda- one; they had worked very hard on with a great effort. They did not tion. "Go ye into all the world and this tidy. preach the gospel to every creature," "I was in here day before yester- glad enough when the exercises were was a commandment which could not day afternoon," said Aunt Hatty over, and they could laugh all they be disregarded. While-millions of thoughtfully. "I remember Mr. wanted to. men in Africa and Asia were perishing Green had been calling here. He Their mother heard them after they Christian churches in this land were went out of the gate as I came in. were in bed, when she thought they Christian churches in this land were with the crowded with men who should con- I don't recollect noticing the tidy." were sound asleep. She could not help

That, after five thousand years of study and practice, physicians are still unable to cure such common ailments as Dyspepsia, Indigestion, Liver and Kidney troubles?

Common sense convinces one that something must be wrong. Other branches of science, surgery, dentistry, etc., have achieved wonderful resuits while medicine still remains to a great extent an experiment. Thinking people are exclaiming: Why all these injurious drugs? Why all these large bills and yet no cure? Surely the doctor ought to relieve me after his five thousand years of profound study. Can it be he is still groping in the dark? Let us take an illustration: Here is an ordinary headache, known to the doctor since Adam's time, and yet what physician in Europe or America can cure it? Now if a physician, after all the knowledge his profession has acquired in five thousand years, cannot cure a simple headache, how can he undertake to care the more serious disorders which affect the human family?

Recently the Press was filled with reports of the meetings of the New York County Medical Societies. They debated thus:—In the case of a dying man, it among all nature with power to hill or to cure."



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Where they Found the Tidy.

"It is the queerest thing!" The two little girls stared at each other disconsolately.

their homes. Fortune for all workers abso- want to give away much that is their . . . I know we shall never find it,"

her brown head. "I do think it's it concerned his people's welfare. too bad. I wish mother would come; we can't, you know."

"She can't find this; we've hunted good man."

ready to sit for his painting it he anything that's lost," said Martha other, and mourning over would pay him. The man appeared sagely; "lots of places where it isn't! "It was so hard to make Miss on the day appointed, but the artist and you feel awful silly looking in Muffet's neck and mouth, said

"No," says the artist, "I never saw times, anyhow! There's mother com-

Then the two little girls ran to the

"Lost what?" asked Mrs. Richmond tree for the Sunday-school in the

a new suit of clothes before I got for Mr. Green, for the minister's even the prospect of their own presents "I don't want you;" he would not have him then. And so if you are said Mrs. Richmond, coming in.

of yours, and think the Lord will went to get it to show Andie Merton; worked so hard over it. It is the accept you because you have some she came in here, and we couldn't most extraordinary thing; but then, find it. We've hunted everywhere, losses are always extraordinary." and we just know it isn't in the house. "Golden Medical Discovery"-the We've always kept it in the basket very front seat of all, close to the on the lower closet shelf, you know, Christmas tree. First the presents

but it isn't there." Aunt Hetty.

"Oh! it was a beautiful tidy," said I remember when I first went away muffet and the spider in etching stitch children spoke pieces, and then the on buff linen. I did Miss Muffet minister rose to make some remarks. And, I did the spider and the tuffet!

Christmas and there's no time to make ever, he drew something out of his another. Isn't it too bad?" "Oh! you'll find it," said Aunt | Martha and Louisa were two sober, Hetty, sympathizingly. 'I'll help decorous little maidens. They wore

remember?" she asked.

"He would not have remembered

replied her mother, laughing. "I know it; I never heard anything so absent minded," Aunt Hetty re- with us.

"I think it is only because his mind is absent with better things," said "I don't think we ever shall," said Mrs. Richmond warmly. "Nobody Louisa, with a mournful shake of ever knew him absent-minded when "Well. I guess that is true," said sometimes she does find things when Aunt Harry. "No one ought to find any fault with Mr. Green. He is a

An artist wanted a man that would everywhere. Why, we've taken The children's Christmas threatened represent the prodigal. One day he everything out of the bureau-drawers." to be about spoiled by the loss of their "And we knew it wasn't in them, precious tidy. All day they searched at intervals. They kept picturing prodigat." He found the beggar That's all you ever do know about the beauties of the lost article to each

Martha; "but she did look so sweet

"And the spider was so cunning, chimed in Louisa, mournfully. "Mr. Green would have been so ment with me," "No it must be door and greeted their mother with a pleased. I know we can make him another for New Year's, but it won't

That night there was a Christmas church, and the two little girls went. "Why, the tidy—the tidy we made They were a good deal out of spirits;

failed to cheer them up much. "I am so sorry about that tidy, Mrs. Richmond told her husband, as they walked along behind the de-"Right after you went away; we jected little couple. "They have

Martha and Louisa sat on the were distributed; they had some un-"What kind of a tidy was it?" asked usually pretty ones, and their hearts grew lighter in spite of themselves.

After the distribution of presents, both together; "just as pretty-Miss there was singing and some of the

feel I never have been so far away And it was going on the minister's seat listened to him attentively; he from home. My brother had gone study chair! Mrs. Green said some- was always very interesting on such thing once about its needing one; but occasions. But right in the middle she wasn't any hand to do such things of his remarks, when their eyes were herself! And it's only the day before fastened on him more earnestly than pocket.

> you hunt. Of course it is in the house, their soft brown hair parted in the somewhere."
>
> their soft brown hair parted in the middle, and brushed smoothly off simmons Liver Regulator, told me it was a sure for my trouble. The first dose I took relieved their white foreheads: they had not strong and hearty as I ever was. It is the best their white foreheads: they had not strong and hearty as I ever was. It is the best even nicknames; nobody ever dreamH. G. CR. ENSHAW, RICHMOND, Va. tresses on her daughters' part, and girls. But now, right in the front coming to the rescue. The losses seat, before the minister's face, they

successful than the girls. She was fore bringing it to his face, was no inclined to give it up, finally, and say pocket hankerchief, but their lost it was not in the house, though that tidy. They both saw Miss Musiet, seemed absurd, for none of them had and the spider and the tuffet, for one second with awful plainness. The "When did you have it last, do you minister paused with it nearly up to his face, put it back in his pocket "Day before yesterday afternoon swiftly, and went on. He too had" we got it out to show Cousin Minnie," caught a startling glimpse of Miss replied Martha, promptly. "Then Muffet, and the spider, and the tuffet. Men of the greatest ability and the we all went down the street together, But no one else had besides Martha

dare look at each other; they were

a pocket-hankerchief, and innocently walked off with it.

The next morning he rang the

"Is this yours?" asked he. Martha said "Yes, sir," meekly without even opening it. She tried that I can attend to my farm with all ease, very hard to keep from laughing, but and comfort. Refer any one to me. when she looked up and saw the minister's eyes were trembling, she ventured to let her own a little.

"I suppose I took it by mistake, the day I called here," the minister went on; "I found it in my pocket. I am very sorry."

"It was not any matter, sir," said Moztry, M. D., Atlanta, Ga. Martha, "because it was for you, any

"Yes, sir Louisa and I made it for a Christmas present for you, for your study chair. "Then I came and appropriated my own present, before it was given me," said the minister, and he laughed so heartily then, that Martha was not afraid to laugh quite out loud

herself, and Louisa, standing in the

parlor doorway, was not afraid to

"For me?"

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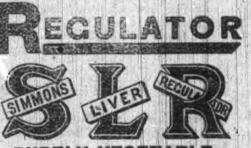
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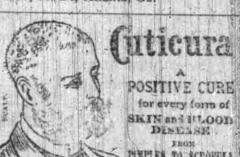
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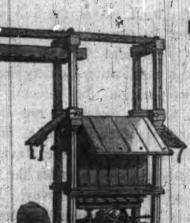
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