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#### Rev. Charles H. Spurgeon. But a Step.

Fabernacle. 1 Samuel 20: 3.— There is but a step !

This was David's description of h own-condition. King Saul was seeking to destroy him. The bitter malice of that king would not be satisfied with anything short of the blood of his rival. Jonathan did not know this He could not believe so badly of his father as that he could wish to kill the champion of Israel, the brave, truehearted young David; and so he as sured David that it could not be sothat he had not heard of any plots against him. But David, who knew better, said, "It is certainly so. Your father seeks my blood, and there is but a step between me and death."

Now, it was by knowing his danger that David escaped. Had he remained as ignorant of his own perils as his friend Jonathan had been, he would have walked into the lion's mouth, and he would have fallen by the hand of Saul. But to be forewarned is to be forearmed; he was; therefore, able to save his life because he perceived his danger. It would have been a very unwise person who should have said, "Do not tell David about it. You see that he is very happy in Jonathan's company. Do not disturb him. It will, only make him fret. Do not tell him about Saul's would acquaint David of his danger, in order that he might seize the opportunity to escape. So also to-night somebody might say, "Many people now present are in great danger, and do not dare to think about death: do not mention the unpleasant subject to them." Well, sirs, if my object were to please you, if my desire were to seem as one who playeth a merry tune upon a goodly instrument, I certainly should not speak to you of death and danger. But, then, it would be infamous to allow men and women to stand in infinite jeopardy and not to warn them; and it is kindness to speak who are carelessly at ease and tell them salutary truth. It will not put them in danger; but it may, God blessing it, be the means of their about death. If you do not like to escaping from eternal ruin. So, think about it at all, my dear friends, pray you, while I talk upon this theme, which may seem to be a sad one, ask

ing of the solemnities of eternity. The Brevity and Uncertainty of Life. t. First, there is a sense in which this text is no doubt literally true of every man "There is but a step be-I know that this is an exceedingly trife observation, but I mention write, and that I go on writing, and him?

but where that hour went I do not corner and knelt down to pray; but How Theodosia Earnest Came to know. When one is very busy the the captain, on coming along, could hours glide away, so that you say, not stand that. He shouted; "Get "Time is, after all, only a dream." up, you coward, say your prayers in Time may appear to be long while it fine weather." He did get up, saying is short, and it may be really short to himself, "I only hope that I shall when according to human calculation it is long. But all men when they come to die confess that their life has been brief-that it was but a step. Yesterday I was born: to-day I live: the rising and setting sun. Truly. there is but a step between me and

But, in another sense, there is but step between us and death, namely, that life is so uncertain. How unexpectedly it ends! Strong and hearty men, if I might make a judgment from observation, seem to be among the first to fall. How often have I seen the invalid, who might almost long for death, draw out a long existence of continuous pain; while the man who shook your hand with a powerful grip. and stood erect like a column of iron, low of a sudden and is gone! No man can reckon upon the full term of life: not one among us can be sure of reaching threescore and ten. We A bubble is more solid than human life, and a spider's web is as a our existence. There is but a step between us and death

#### A Subject of Thought.

II. But, dear friends, I now turn when I remark hat to persons who most certainly true: "There is but a step between me and death?". inevitable in the order of nature that you should not live long. Now do not object to think about it and talk about it. It is only foolish persons who will not mention death. I should like you to beable to think

I think that there is something wrong in you, and you ought to take warning God to make it a great blessing to from your own dislike. He that is those who hitherto have been sporting afraid of solemn things has probably upon the brink of fate without thinksolemn reason to be afraid of them. It is greatly wise to talk with our last hours. A man who is going to a certain place should think about the place to which he is going, and make some. preparation for it. If he be a wise man he will do so. I should like you short that it is no exaggeration to com- to attain to such a state that you could pare it to a step. Suppose that we feel as Dr. Watts did. He said to a to threescore-years-and- friend when he was an old man, "I She kept drinking in the truth, and I advised him to travel in the upper ten, or even fourscore years, or to be, go to my bed each night with perfect indifference as to whether I shall wake vet life will occupy a very short time. is a beautiful state of mind to be in. Life is long to look forward to; but I Or, as the old Scotch minister said appeal to every aged person whether when some one asked him, "Is this it is not very short to look back upon. disease of yours fatal?" and he re-I confess to my own experience that a plied, "I do not know, and I do not week is now a hardly appreciable wish to know, for I do not think that space of time to me. There seems to it can make much difference to me; be very little breathing-room between for if I go to heaven I shall be with one Sunday and another. One has God, and if I stop here God will be with me." Oh! is not that a sweet prepare again some other word with way of putting it? There is not so which to address you. As we grow much difference, after all, between be- case as well as hers. It was better can I do?" I gazed upon him with the expression in John 13:8, "It I older time very sensibly quickens its ing with God and God's being with us.

JII. I am to close by saying first, It all the more earnestly because the suppose it is not so. Young friends, certainty of it should force it home you that are here, suppose it is not with power upon our minds. You true that there is only a step between young people look to a month as be- you and death. Suppose it is not so. ing quite a period of time, but when There may be some here that will live you are getting forty, or fifty, or sixty, to a very great age. I may be adhad been a young man he would have kingdom of God, and his righteous said that his days were comparatively ness." The first things should come many, and would have tried to make first: the best things should have the days seem fewer than they were, and gaily exclaimed, "Serious things tothe older he gets the shorter his life morrow;" but before to-morrow he seems to have been. There are many was slain. Yet had he not been slain,

and I have found that it was even so; through his fears. He crept into a Talmage.

see fine weather to say my prayers in." When he landed, the words the captain said, rang in his ears, "I will I will say my prayers in fine weather."

I would say to you who hope to live to-morrow I must die. Ephemera are a hundred years, say your prayers in born and die in the space between the fine weather. The young man was so rising and the setting sun; their life is impressed with those words that he went to hear the gospel, was converted, and became a minister of Christ. preaching in one of the most notable O my God, if my life be so pulpits in New York, that captain came into the chapel, and the preacher looked him in the face and said, you the Dr. A. C. Dayton." I inquir-"Say your prayers in fine weather." The captain was astonished, as he perceived that the very man whom he had addressed as a coward was now preaching from the pulpit, and giving out at the commencement of his sermon the advice which he had given him. him. I trust the captain took his own medicine. I want to give that advice to all who do not think that they are going to die yet. Say your prayers matters personal to myself, and I benow. Oh, come and give my Lord history of my conversion to Baptist tee of the gospel when I was sixteen years fell into his hands which convinced cable compared with the thread of early; but I urge upon you, young time. Dr. Dayton was at this time a part i your bones, and your brain is clear,

about the joys of heaven, that an eld form. erly lady sitting on my right kept looking to me with intense delight. people's eyes greatly help the preachthe sight of the Well-beloved, till I ford county, Tenn. that you sister over there is dead." they bore her away. She had gone, gone there; and I remember saying

Robert Hall's Chapel.

you will look upon a whole year as no dressing some persons who will rival between a soul that stood with wings curred to me that I had seen an ed-ter, meant Christian baptism? more than a brief interval. Indeed, Sir Moses Montefiore. Possibly you outspread for glory, and the poor itorial in a Texas Baptist paper favor I do not wonder that Jacob said his may. Well, what then? If so, I preacher who was trying to talk of ing union Sunday-schools, and thank- trine, should we also understand that years were few. Because he was an should recommend you to follow the that which he knew lut little of coming God that there was not a Baptist he meant, that immersion in water, old man he thought life short. If he Scriptural advice, "Seek ye first the pared with her. Well, well, it will Sunday-school in the State. I had Scripturally administered to a believhimself feel that he had lived a long best of our thoughts. A prince who Let us meet in glory! Let us meet in pen and paper and write his views J. R. Nesmith. while; but when a man grows old his had been warned of assassination, glory, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen. upon the article. Thirty minutes had fact. I have sometimes noticed it- we ought not to push serious matters Robert Hall's chapel. The present sex-In certain states of mind I have looked be a great pity to lose a single year, Hall's day would not hold more than

to the clock again and again, and I much less a long life. If you are go- six hundred auditors, but there he a long hour. But often and often them with God. If you are going to round the world and will ring through the outline of thought in your heart is to become a templation, also a carriage and buggy erec from thy God, then thou art his arms. It is trusting them and not our does it occur to me that I sit down to have long life, why not spend it for the ages. The size of a man's shop Theodosia Earnest. I suggested that Christian now: and the great bell rings manufactory. In addition to the two and him of Spins and he is thine, and no division shall own weakness. The sublime act of when I lift up my head an hour has There was a storm at sea once, and style of work he turns out. Ole Bull ature was a book so filled with the hold, now is the day of salvation." No paying business, another of immense passed, and I think to myself, "It can there was a young man on board who could play the "Hallelujah chorus" spirit of romance as that it should soul was ever saved, and no good capacity is nearing completion. Durnot be. There is a mistake. That was not used to storms, and he fell on a corn stalk fiddle. Blessed are compel the attention of the public. deed was ever done to morrow. Be ing the past few weeks, two new clock has made a mistake somehow." into a great state of mind. He was all they who do their best whether in Into this should be woven the woof careful, dear friend, lest to morrow stores have been opened, and another I have even referred to my watch, not much use on board the ship sphere resounding or insignificant!— of Scripture truth. It struck his quick find you beyond the world of proba- in addition to the two already men-

## be Written

In a speech before the Waxahachie Association at Bristol Texas, last week, the report on Sunday-schools under discussion, Dr. J. R. Graves gave the following graphic description of the origin of that remarkable book, Theodosia Earnest:

"In 1853 I was sitting at my desk in Nashville intently engaged upon an editorial, when a shadow darkened my door. Looking up I saw a tall gaunt form standing before me, with his large, piercing dark eyes looking One Sunday morning, while he was down intently upon me. As I rose

> ed, "that was baptized last Sunday week at Shelbyville by Eld. Stroude?" He replied, "I am that man?" Giving him a hearty shake of the

hand, I bade him be seated, assuring him of my great pleasure in meeting

After a few moments of general Of fine weather. Begin with God gin the matter by giving you a brief Sund esus the prime of your youth, the sentiments." He then detailed to me best of your days. I came to Christ how that, some eighteen months prewhen I was fifteen. I was a minister vious, a copy of Carson on Baptism, of age. I have gone on preaching him beyond all question of doubt, that lead have begun sixteen years before. I Christ received, and commanded his ject marrow is in member in the Presbyterian church at Natchez, Miss. He said he found and your eye is true; ere yet you have himself an unbaptized man in a Chrisweakened tian body. The duty of leaving all come and yield to obey Christ, wrought greatly upon may spend a whole life in that blessed that he had reached an epoch in his the Holy Spirit of his great love make upon his mind that he should be bap-Oh, if it is only a step between us must also preach the gospel to others.

resignation did he rally from his low But if you are in Christ, it is only condition. The leaving of a lucraa step between you and heaven. You tive profession, that of dentistry, and Christ to prosper among them? Scripmay well desire that you might take entering the ministry, which promised that step right speedily. I shall never no adequate support to a large and forget one summer afternoon, when I expensive family, was more than he was preaching in a village chapel had the faith or the courage to per-

Utterly prostrate he resolved upon I. Stockton. She seemed to say to me, "Bless God | self in a state of convalescence. When poured out more and more precious country, and he came to visit his things about the eternal kingdom and wife's relatives in Shelbyville, Bed-

pass over her face. I went on, and said Dr. Dayton, "I attended a Bap- the work of both Foreign and Home those eyes were still fixed on me. She tist church and heard a Baptist ser- Missions; and is it sinful for a Chrissat still as a marble figure; and I mon. I went forward and agreeably tian to refuse or fail to give such help, stopped and said, "Friends, I think to my vow made in sickness, I asked when he is able to give it? Peter Clay, to be baptized. Now, Bro. Graves," M. Finney. Alternates, R. T. Wear, They said that it was even so, and he continued, "what can I do? I have I. M. Roberts. While I was telling of heaven, she had anything that I can do? My way is that I wished that it had been my cannot see my way before me. What not, perhaps, for many reasons; but intense interest and pity. The frailoh, I did envy her! I am always look- ty cf his person, his inexperience and me?" Was Peter regenerated prior to ing for the day when I shall see her lack of qualification in the ministry the time of the former expression, and again. I shall know those eyes, I am pressed into my very heart his piercsure I shall. I shall recollect that ing interrogatory: "What can I do?" Seeing that my time was passing as W. T. Cobbs, W. G. W. Smith, what she was here, or bears any marks my paper was about to go to press, of identification. I shall not forget and that the article I was on when he that inward fellowship which existed came

soon be my turn. Good night, poor marked it for editorial notice and laid er in Christ, is a door into the church, world! It will soon be your turn, and it away. I took it from the desk and or the kingdom? J. S Gibson, J. O. then you shall say, "Good night." passing it to him, I asked him to take A. Pace. Alternates, W. H. Simpson, elapsed perhaps, when he approached Many of these illustrious English said, "Here is what I have written."

My article was finished.

n of the proposition heartily. A Glance at Temperance Progress, spring. The price of real estate is The new century opens with

he privilege of publishing the s of the book in my paper, I to pay him \$1,000 in weekly and to per cent royalty es of the book. It was pubthe following year, and by the out of the war over 50,000 f Theodosia Earnest had been d Dr. Dayton had purchased iful home with the profits on and was living in comfort vell known that Dr. Dayto

continued to write and procelebrated doctrinal cate sed extensively at one time

rnest is that of Bro. Graves Snyder. She was Dr. Day of his heroine, and the is own life afforded the bas arming story .- Texas Bap

#### eral District Meeting.

luscle Shoals Missionary Bap ciation will hold its next ses lanville, Morgan county, Ala. on Friday before the fifth n May, 1886. The Commitection consists of O. D. Gib-White, and Mat Lyon. n E. Weaver is appointed to introductory sermon. The those persons appointed to scussion, and also of their er brethren not here mene of course expected to take Relation of the church and

the pastoral call of the be made for one year or for to maintain the connection? it the wages of the pastor to n in amount, or not half his support; or ought he to to wait long for pay, any any other laborer?

right for the pastor to give portion of his time to

If churches and pastors hal ture references: Matt. 10:10; Luke 10: 14-16; 2 Tim. 2:15; 2 Tim. 4:12; Hab. 3:2: Mal. 3:8-12. C. G. Lynch, W. B. Carter. Alternates, J. C. Orr, J.

II. Missions. 1. Is the support of Missions Christian duty; and does the Bible ment rather than another?

2. Is it the duty of all Christians to aid, to the extent of their ability, in

III. Conversion. verted, strenghen the brethren;" and prior to this ablution, or was he not? Lucius Wear, J. Spear. Alternates,

IV. The New Birth. 1. Did the Savior teach Nicodemus

2. If our Savior did teach that doc-

me and handed me the paper, he ry, serious thought" about becoming a from the fact that during the last three Corresponding Secretary of the State Christian. If you let it alone it may years it has been so changed from Mission Board. ways of calculating time, and its length his speech would have been an un- preachers had insignificant looking I read it carefully, and rising from my fly away like a bird through a cage steady and rapid improvement. New or brevity lies more in idea than in wise one; for, however long we live, churches. We went to Bristol to see chair I grasped his hand and said, door left open, and may never come streets have been opened, large brick "You can write, sir, and I can pay back. Or else a crowd of business stores have been erected, and hand-I dare say you have—that an hour into a corner. If we are to live, let ton remembered the great Baptist orator you for it." His dark eyes glowed cares and plans, or perhaps a press some dwellings have been built. The has seemed to me very long indeed. us live to noble purpose. It would and preacher. The chapel in Robert with brightness and his face beamed ure of social invitations will flock in, work of improvement still goes on. with the radiance of light and hope. and the good thought be smothered A contract for brick to put up two to death. You have smothered just large brick stores has been recently It is sufficient to say that in one such blessed thoughts before. The made. A large brick hotel is in conis not of so much importance as the what was needed in our current liter- out, "now is the accepted time; be- elegant warehouses which are doing a

wonted activity in a great variety of channels of useful temperance work, out also with gratifying unity of purpose. Until within recent years temperance propagandism has been carried on chiffy in the Northern States; now the Southern States are coming to the front, and bid fair at an early day to take the lead in excluding the dram-shop from their towns and cities. The late remarkable contest in Atlanta, a city of fifty thousand inhabitants, is without a precedent hitherto in any American city of equal proportions, and the entire State of Georgia ime since the war era. The promi nence which the temperance issue has latterly assumed is giving practical politicians of all parties, in all parts of the country, much uneasiness: To many it comes as a troublesome testquestion, and they would fain pray to be delivered therefrom. It is only a question of time when, from every community, "the saloon must go."

It is one of the dangers of this period however, that the attention of many temperance workers will be too exclusively absorbed by the legislative and political phase of the question. It must be remembered that the people not yet converted will be ready to "stand up and be counted" against the saloon only as they may become convinced of the wisdom and ting beverages, and therefore of the desirableness and propriety of prohibiting the manufacture and sale of such beverages. Political excitement is temporary and fluctuating; intelligent conscientious conviction is abiding and perpetual.

Temperance is a citizenship and political question, but it is also, and pre-eminently, a religious question. It has had hitherto much important help from many churches, but it might, and should, have a great deal more in the future. Religious conviction is the chief corner-stone of the superstructure of the true temperance

churches of this country, in uncompromising federated temperance action, to speedily neutralize and overcome the pernicious and perilous saloon influence in the political life of

Nor can the educational needs of the young be safely overlooked or Every Sunday-school should be in part a juvenile temperance organization. Its library should be well provided with attractive and instructive temperance books. nothing; perhaps, is the progress of the temperance reform more strikingly illustrated than in the marked excellence of the Sunday-school temperance books of the present time, such as are upon the shelves of the National Temperance Society. A century ago there were none at all; even little more than a decade ago they were, as compared with the present, few in number and inferior in interest; today they are safely to be said to lead all other Sunday-school books in lit erary excellence, and in their freshness and variety of interest and instruction. The children everywhere should be supplied with them abund-Their pages contain for many a reader hidden and untold blessings for time and eternity. The children of the public schools, too, are now accessible to temperance instruction as never before. It should in this new year be the untiring care of parents, guardians, and teachers

#### From Columbia, Ala.

tific teaching as to what alcohol is,

This beautiful little town is situated on the Chattahoochee river, not very far from the extreme southeast corner will receive a warm welcome whenof the State, Though quite an old ever they feel disposed to cheer us Perhaps there is now a "shy, solita town, it does not so impress one, with their presence, as will also the

advancing every day.

The location is all that could be de While Columbia has no railroad, her low rates of freight by river enable her to successfully compete and town in the State. The reader can readily understand this when I Deform him that there are six: elegant and commodius steamers plying the Siver between Apalachicola Fla., and Columbus, Ga. This gives and other points of importance.

Citizens who have resided here for number of years think this locality cannot be excelled for health. There can be ao local cause for sickness. While the surface of the country is level, there are no ponds of stagnant water. The streams are clear and beautiful and run swiftly along their pebbled beds. The soil is sandy, consequently the town is not troubled with mucdy streets. In a few hours after a right, the water has all disappeared beneath the surface.

The people here are noted for their enterprise and benevolence. After staying actiong them for a short while, I have been much pleased to see how harmonicasly they work together for the general good of the town. They respond liberally to every appeal which has for its object the moral and religious enprovement of the commu nity. One result among others is a splendid school building which contains a first-class high school, directed by an efficient board of trustees, and taught by two Christian gentlemen of culture and training who are doing good solid work. There are private schools which are also conducted with much credit to those who have them

The industry and enterprise of the business men of the place has caused the busifiess life and activity of the town to be proverbial. A gentleman of experience and much observation remarked to the writer a few days ago that he had never seen more business life anywhere. Very often the streets are so crowded with wagons and other vehicles that it is almost imreform. Every church, of every re- possible to get along. These wagons ligious denomination, should be the bring in cotton and other produce

> While other interests have been ushed forward to success, the cause of our denomination has not been allowed to lag in the rear, as those in position to know can testify. Since the beginning of last summer a superb brick charch has been built and dedicated without an indebtedness. This was done by the church and citizens of Columbia. They varied from the custom of going abroad for Though bearing heavily on some of the members of the church, they have an edifice of which they may well be proud. It is built on the modern style, and reflects great credit on the community, especially the building committee. Until recently, the church has been having preaching only twice a month, but it has been determined to change to the ancient plan of having preaching every Sunday. This is as it should be. The Sunday-schools and prayer meetings are well attended. The congregations are growing larger at each service. At the last conference a committee was appointed to overhaul and revise the roll. This committee has performed its duty faithfully, and reports one hundred and two who hold membership with use Having been without a pastor for several months previous to my coming, the church is somewhat disorganized, but under the blessings of God we hope to be in good shape for work in the near fuchurch I have been very kindly received, not only by the members of the church, but also by the people generally. I am well pleased with

be able to do my duty faithful y. Allow me to say in conclusion, that the editors of the ALABAMA BAPTIST

J. L. THOMPSON. Calumbia, Jan. 30th.

No spirit is wholly east off from God if it longs after God. If thou cand be content without God, thou art Fadeed a lost one; but if there be in thee a wretched, rankling discontent at the very thought of being sev- simply a resting on the everlasting

above fear. It is in the cracks, cran- his redeemed ones from that horrible gaps that are not faith, that the snow pit in his loving arms. Faith is just

## Impressions of England.

BY REV. THEODORE L. CUYLER, D. D.

You ask me to jot down some of my impressions gathered during my recent visit to England and Scotland-which was very brief as to time, but full of incident and opportunity of observation. I find England greatly changed since my first visit over forty years ago. Externally it is just as verdant, just as luxuriant, just as bewitching as ever. Its inexhaustible soil seems no nearer giving out than its coal beds or its teeming population. Two apple trees in the garden of "Weston-Underwood Lodge" which the poet Cowper set out ninety years ago looked as healthy and as heavily fruit-laden as if only a dozen years old. The longevity of men and trees and animals in that genial climate and on that prolific soil is wonderful. The fecundity of every kind of life in England is unequaled by any other land.

But the railroads have revolutionized the social life of the country. Washington Irving could not write such a book as "Bracebridge Hall" now; many of the characters in it are as entirely obsolete as bears or deer on the banks of the Connecticut. In those days not one Yorkshire farmer in fifty had ever been to London; now a days the respectable adult per son who has never seen London would be himself a curiosity. Old usages are going out; the quaint picturesque inns such as Irving and Dickens have the old English mail coach drivers. Railways are remorseless revolutionizers. London too is becoming rapidly changed. Its growth is colossal overwhelming. I remember when it had only two millions of people: now it contains five millions! It equals New York, Brooklyn, Philadelphia, Chicago, Boston, and Cincinnati all combined. I doubt either whether the evangelizing influences which all the churches and philanthropic societies are bringing to bear upon the monster city can keep up with the population and their moral necessities. London has princely philanthropists like the Earl of Shaftsburg and Hon. Samuel Morley and th

undreds of volunteer gospel sowers. Over against these stand 13,000 ginpalaces which are in full blast and generally crowded every Sabbath evening! Over 60,000 abandoned women tramp over London's side-walks in the hours of darkness. There are 30,000 professional thieves; and the heathenism of White Chapel and Bethual Green and other rum-cursed quarters has hardly been touched by church or mission or Salvation Army.

There is a bright side to all this sad picture. Mr. Spurgeon with his immense church and houses of instruction and charity is a prodigious power the greatest single power in London. He is as fresh and faithful as one of Cowper's apple-trees. Some of the Congregationalist pastors-notably the Rev. Newman Hall and the Rev. Dr. Henry Allon-are propell ing large and effective mission enterprises. The Young Men's Christian A'ssociation spreads its ramifications out from Exeter Hall all over the huge metropolis. The new Bishop of London (Dr. Temple) is winning golden opinions among Christians of all denominations by his fervid catholic spirit and untiring zeal. He is now the President of the National Temperance League and as thorough a Teetotaler as Archdeacon Farrar. The most brilliant preacher in the Established church is Canon Liddon. When it is known that he is to preach in \$t. Paul's cathedral, it is thronged with the most cultured classes. Henry P. Liddon devotes his whole time and strength solely to making sermons, and they are master-pieces in style my new charge, and trust that I may and vigor: every line is written and delivered with fervent rapidity. He belongs to the High church party, but is not a mere sacerdotalist; his discourses abound in evangelical passages put most pungently.

One great purpose in all affliction is to bring us down to the everlasting arms. What new strength and peace it gives us to feel them underneath us! We know that, far as we may have sunk, we cannot go any farther, Those mighty arms can not only hold us; they can lift us up; they can carry us along. Faith, in its essence, is scend to the lowest depths of human A perfect faith would lift absolutely depravity and guilt and to bring up MONTGOMERY, ALA., FEB. 11, 1886.

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Montgomery, Ala. A FEW MORE EARNEST WORDS.

Having presented the claims of our State Board to the consideration of our ministers and churches, we now propose to urge those of our Home and Foreign Boards in a few more earnest words. These Boards have claims upon us by all the force which a crucified, risen and ascended Savior can express, by all the demands which a world lying in wickedness can imply, and by all the considerations that our plighted faith to these boards can involve. If, therefore, there be any ferce in the commands of him to whose hands all power in heaven and on earth is committed, and whose we are by right of purchase-anything that can stir our hearts by the condition of our race as lost, ruined, and subject to eternal death-anything that can bind us to a work to which we have bound ourselves in the most solemn manner before God and man -we claim that these Boards are entitled to our cheerful, magnanimous and hearty support. They embody

They represent the passion that bled on Calvary. They set forth, so far as earthen vessels can do so, the very essence of Godhead-"God is love." In a word, they copy the very example of him who "went about doing good." So that if there be any work on earth in which Christians can engage that places them in harmony with all the attributes of God, with the spirit that animates the angelic they will make the fewer errors. Many hosts, and with the sympathies that swell the bosoms of that "cloud of witnesses" that circle the eternal throne, as they bend from their heights of bliss to behold our works of faith and labors of love in carrying to say statuary. Polished marble is out the last great commission of their Lord and our Lord-it is the very work we have entrusted to these Boards. We may not, we dare not intermit our labors in this respect in the face of these inspiring motives. There comes a voice from "the whole creation that groaneth and travaileth in pain," there comes a voice from every herald of salvation whom we have sent to every field-home and foreign-there comes a voice rolling down the centuries from every saint that has lived and died in these centuries, nay, there comes a voice as if the Seminary back in our State after "seven thousands" had uttered it they complete their course. We hapfrom the innumerable blood-washed pen to know several of these young throng, with that other voice rising in men who would gladly have returned sublime majesty above all from the to the State, but no encouragement Captain of our salvation-enforcing was given them-no place was offerthe solemn command, "Go, ve, into ed them. It has seemed to us that all the world and preach the gospel to the Board and the Secretary would be every creature."

the proper eyes of the denomination Our Home and Foreign Boards were in looking after this matter, and not established by us to do our work, the subject these young ministers to the work to which we have plighted our indelicate task of hunting up these pofaith. They can only employ the sitions for themselves, or going where agencies and expend the means that they are not wanted. We would give we place at their command. Beyond illustrations of this, but we forbear. this they may not go, no matter how imperative the calls of providence. So that an inability that may arise to meet these providential emergencies is to be charged to our account.

Some of us remember a time when Alabama led all the Southern States in her contributions to these Boards. Of course our dircumstances have changed since then, but not more than have those of our sister States in the South. We are to-day relatively as able as any of them to supply the wants of these Boards. And yet Alabama has fallen back in her contributions until she scarcely maintains an average position among her sister States. 'Fo those of us who knew our beloved State in those days when she led the van in this sublime work, her present meagre benefactions is a ource of profound mortification. In intellectual character, and they are the days to which we refer the Bap- making this preparation.

"A WORD TO THE WISE.". tists of Alabama numbered about fifty housand, now we number between eighty and ninety thousand white Baptists. And surely what we have

the face of facts that ought to stir our

hearts to their profoundest depths; in

the face of the direct command of our

adored Redeemer, and the most in-

viting fields that ever appealed to

Christian philanthropy? Think, dear

Christian reader, Calvary stands be-

hind that last commission with its ten

thousand tongues to enforce it-a lost

world stands before us pleading for

the bread of life with all the eloquence

which an eternity of bliss or woe can

inspire. Can we, dare we close our

COLPORTAGE.

Something over a quarter of a centu-

ry ago, the Baptists of Alabama had a

book depository in Selma, and a gen-

eral system of colportage in the State,

by which sales to the amount of over

twenty thousand dollars a year was

reported to our Convention. Dr. F.

M, Law, now one of the most efficient

ministers in Texas, was placed at the

head of this colportage work, and un-

der his efficient management, no State

in the South surpassed Alabama in

the work done. It was in those days

that our State touched its highest fig-

ures in its contributions to the objects

cherished by our Convention. Now,

will produce like effects, and that our

State Board and its efficient Secretary

could not perform a more grateful

task than to throw into this depart

ment of their work their best energies.

A good sermon may be soon forgot-

ten, but a good book remains in a

family where it is left to do its silent

newspapers, books, and tracts.

our best religious literature. S. H.

ERRATA.

know our chirography is not the best.

Our hope is that so soon as the print-

ers get a little more accustomed to it.

have occurred, but up to date we have

been silent: but in the issue of Jan.

14th, there are some that we feel a

little squeamish over. Thus, where

A SUGGESTION.

Our State Mission Board could not

be the means of doing a better work

for the denomination in Alabama than

in settling our young men who go to

HOWARD COLLEGE

more encouragement than ever before.

Instead of a reduction in numbers as

is commonly the case for spring terms

in Southern schools, the second term

present at the close of the first. The

number of students taking a full

course and prosecuting their studies

with a view to graduation is also great-

er than hitherto. Their conduct and

devotion to study reflects greatest

credit on the cadets. Here are young

men in large numbers preparing for

the ministry, for law, for medicine,

and for business, working as if they

believed that success in life and faith

ful discharge of duty depended upon

a thorough preparation of moral and

S. H.

ears to these appeals

In promoting the cause of prohibi tion, we must keep it out of politics. A "third party movement" dooms us lost in resources we have gained in utter and hopeless failure, for the numbers. We have almost doubled eason that we would array against us our numbers since then, and ought all the prejudices and animosities of therefore to maintain our old status in both political parties. We cannot afour contributions to the cause of misford to force men to choose besions. The obligations are more imtween fidelity to their party and perative now than then by how much their regard for prohibition. Such a policy never can consolidate the teming, since obligations are emphasized perance sentiment of the State. Lift by the more imperative calls of proviabove all political complications, dence. | The Home and Foreign that it shall antagonize no party, Boards are about entering the last and we place it on the only ground quarter of the present conventional that insures success. The only State year, and they are strained beyond South where prohibition has triumphmeasure to meet their obligations. ed, we mean Georgia, pursued this They look to us for our quota of recourse, and we know the result. Shall they look in vain? Can we afford to withhold our means in

#### FIELD NOTES

The church at Tuskegee has called Bro. Hornady of Georgia, Bro. Hart going to Fort Deposit.

Brn. F. C. Plaster and J. J. Porter will go to Rutledge on the 10th to hold a meeting of days.

Bro. Coulson inquires after Bro. Cat. Smith and wonders what has become of him and of "the Sundayschool brother from Montevallo." The temperature in Florida during

the lost cold snap was forty degrees above zero and not twenty as was stated in our Florida letter recently. Dr. Boyce, President of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, has a Sunday-school class in Broadway church, Louisville, of over one

"The paper grows more interesting and instructive and dear to the Baptists of Alabama. Our people consider it the best paper published."-A.

The late action of Brn. Smith and gomery Co., Ala., are jubilant over Marbury in cancelling a note for \$450 the defeat of an application given by a widow in Birmingham, which amount she was unable to pay, is in keeping with their generous hereafter have the cheek to invoke it has occurred to us that like causes

Harvard University, and formerly of daughters. No greater nuisance can Alabama contributes a learned article be fixed on a rural district than a to a recent number of the Sunday whiskey shop. In is a real Pandora's School Times entitled "Who were the Chaldeans?"

The Baptist Sunday-school Brundidge has organized an '86 band. work years after the colporteur is All who attend every Sunday in the gone. Ancillarye to the preaching of year, excused for sickness, will receive ing to make my congregation look up the gospel, there is nothing that so a present. This serves as a stimulus develops the working piety of Chris-

John Danner, the great revolving tians as the multiplication of religious We bookcase manufacturer is an ardent now have only the basis of a fund for prohibitionist. In a recent commu this work which it is to be hoped our nication to the Toledo Blade he adenlarge until we can vocates the adoption of the George reach the outer limits of the State with local option law.

The Rev. I. C. Wright, at the Baptist church, last Sunday, preached a very fine missionary sermon, at the We do not intend to bother the conclusion of which, a very fair reader with the matter of going back collection was taken for these "granite to correct typographical errors. We times." - Oxford News.

Rev. Timothy Harley, of London England, preached on Sunday morning and Sunday night two excellent sermons in the First church, Montgomery. He also delivered a most interesting lecture on Sir Walter Scott on Monday night to a delighted

we meant to say statutory we are made The Atlanta Constitution of Jannot a civil enactment. Again we are B. Hawthorne, D. D., with an made to say exalted where we meant interview giving a sketch of his life to say exacted-human where we other items of interest. The meant to say heaven. We mean to Doctor sems to be very highly appreuse right words, and if the reader fails ciated in Atlanta, a matter in which to see them, let us say once for all. the people show good taste. the fault is in a pen moved by shatter-

Dr. W. C. Cleveland, of the South Side Baptist church, says: "Our church, recently organized, has already made a valuable increase in membership and teachers in the Sunbayschool. The children are taking much interest in their duties and the Sunday-school is larger. - Age.

Deep Creek Sunday-school and District Meeting of South Bethel Association have sent us ten dollars to pay for papers to be sent to the con- W. P. McKellar, of Pelham; and victs. We send these papers at half Maj. I. G. Harris, editor of the ALAprice so that the convicts will get ten papers. This is a very generous act and deserves commendation and

worthless without moral rectitude in Has entered upon its second term with the every-day transactions of life."

after having moved from Clinton to the meeting closed. - Shelby Sentinel Jackson. Everything was lost except

even better after its baptism of fire.

Rev. N. C. Underwood preached Carter was elected keeper of the in the Baptist church at Clayton to church roll. T. S. Hudgins crowded congregations on Sunday elected deacon to fill the vacance and Sunday night last. The sermon made by the resignation of R. at night from the text, "thou art the Sterrett who went to the South was surpassingly fine. Mr. church. Mr William Taylor Underwood will be heard from in the elected first assistant superintender future. We consider him one of the of Sunday-schools. J. W. Stewart

Eufaula Times. fessed faith in Christ, Others are deeply concerned. All over the Southland longing hearts are turning this way with the fullness of parental love. I beg all the people of God who read this to pray that the work of grace may go on till there is not left among the Judson girls one single lamb outside the Good Shepherd's fold - Robert

"A brother Methodist said to me the other day that he was surprised that I was opposed to sprinkling babies, and when I asked his reason. he said, because it is not forbidden in the Bible.' A brother Banust

standing near said that it was upon that same ground that he insists that we should invite visiting breth eat the Load's Supper, without regard to membership."-L. C. Coulson Scottsboro.

The Ladies' Benevolent Union of the First Baptist church of Birming ham has elected the following officers for the ensuing year: Mrs. J. W. Johnston, president; Mrs. G. G. Miles, first vice president; Mrs. Harry Harsh, second vice president; Mrs. Eugene Enslen, third vice president; Miss Alice Hale, Secretary; Mrs. G. M. Morrow, treasurer. The ladies intend to make their organization one of the most popular in the city.

The citizens of beat fifteen, Mon license to retail liquor in said beat It is to be hoped that no one wi the strong arm of the law to aid in Prof. D. G. Lyon, Ph.D., now of ruining our noble sons and virtuous box out of which all other evils come -I. R. McLendon, Ramer.

Rev. T. J. Miles, pastor of the Baptist church at Pratt Mines regard ing his church work said: "I am try to Birmingham and become spiritually and morally improved. I have had two accessions recently. forty-three members, including bers from different nations. Dutch, Germans and English, The am going to try and make the church felt in this community, and do all

A party of young ladies and gentleour city last Sunday to attend a Sunday-school convention which they minister from Montgomery, also came rusty, and the timbers rotting. up to participate in the proceedings Mr. Waite and convention had a right to expect extended to them on their arrival of course, but the most remarkable feature of this whole matter lies in the fact that neither the Baptist church nor any other church nor any one else ever heard of any such convention until last Sunday morning, Our people are not in the habit of treating strangers that way and some body ought to rise and explain .- Elmor Express, Wetumpka, Feb. 6.

The Baptists of this district held an interesting meeting at Calera on Satur day and Sunday last. Among those in attendance we noticed Revs. E. B. Teague, C. W. O'Hara, T. B Dixon, G. T. Lee and I. U. Wilkes, and Profs. H. Griggs, of Montevallo; names we do not now recall. The exercises throughout were interesting, Dr. Hawthorne says: "I have no and the reports of the progress of the confidence in any religious faith or church in this section very encouragereligious experience that does not ing. Maj. Harris delivered an ad- ker. show itself in a life of purity and dress to the Sabbath-school on Sunhonesty. I have tried wherever I day morning. Dr. Teague occupied preached to convince people that or- the pulpit at eleven o'clock, and as thodoxy and religious ecstacy are usual with him, preached an able and instructive sermon. Rev. C. O'Hara occupied the pulpit at night. The Baptist Record office was giving his hearers a solid, practical burned out Monday. Feb. 1st, just sermon, with which the exercises of

At the monthly conference of the opens with larger numbers than were the subscription books. It is indeed First Baptist church the deacons tena great blow to our neighbor, but dered their resignations and the folnew type and other material has been lowing were re-elected deacons: J. D. ordered and the paper promises to be Garrard, who will have charge of the communion service; N. F. Miles, Bro. Willie Henderson, son of Rev. treasurer; W. D. Cooper, mouthpiece S. Henderson, was, at the call of of the church; W. F. Hodges, finan-Alpine church, ordained to the gospel | cial agent; C. F. Hardman, keeper of ninistry on the 13th of Dec., 1885, the church; William Taylor, charge W. Wilkes aiding the pastor and pres- of charities. Mr. G. G. Miles tender- than earth; there is a realm where the bytery. The incessant rain storm ed his resignation as clerk of the rainbow never fades, where the stars prevented the presence and aid of church, having filled the position six Dr. Renfroe, and greatly diminished years with credit and good to the the beings that pass before us like the attendance. W. Wilkes preached organization. Mr. Eugene Enslen shadows will stay in the presence forwas elected clerk. Mr. Gilbert ever. - Bulwer Lytton.

coming men of the pulpit of the day, was elected second assistant superintendent. The following ushers were Within a few days five of the young elected: Messrs. E. L. Higdon, J. D. adies in the Judson Institute have pro- Girard, J. F. Saulsby, E. L. Sheppard, A. B. Greene, Ben. H. Theiss The meeting was harmonious and all pledged themselves to bend all their energies to the church work of the year. Age. What will be Bro. Cooper's duties? And why is not the clerk the proper keeper of the roll? And what the duties of the financial agent as there is a treasurer? The Birming ham Baptists are live people and are doing a big work in that city. ask these questions that other churches may profit by Birmingham's success.

#### The Envelope System.

Bro. W. B. Crumpton's envelope plan of collecting is admirable. in the first place it is neat and handy and. It makes its appeal in such a nice way that it is almost irresin 3rd. It is an appeal to all, none out. 4th. It affords a plan of giving, without being "seen of men," without letting "your left hand know what your right hand does." Lastly, the voice of God is heard all around on the margin. Therefore we think it must and will succeed.

Trinity, Ala.

An Earnest Appeal from the Board of Ministerial Education.

We have no income except as con tributions are made by the friends of Ministerial Education. We are not allowed to contract any indebtedness. On the first day of March next every dollar now in the treasury will be needed to pay expenses for February If contributions are not made before the first of March there is but one thing left for the Board to do, we will be obliged to say to the young brethren in school, that we cannot assist them any longer.

Brethren, we make this appeal earnestly, and await your response anxiously. We appeal in the interest of our students, in the interest of the future progress of the cause in the State, and beg that you will respond promptly and liberally. Do let us hear from you before the first of March.

W. C. CLEVELAND, Prest. of Board.

The One Needed Thing.

within my power to make the people to flow through the mill-race. The saw is still there. lack no machinery. A log, pushed up against the saw, is still on the carriage-way, and the work of sawing has progressed a foot or two. for three years no progress has been made. The mill-race is dry: wheel motionless. The machinery is The one needed thing is power. others who were invited here to this Are there not churches like this dead mill? The machinery may something like ordinary hospitality perfect; the work may be well laid out, but the first necessity is power. The best machinery will fail unless there is power to move lt. The power is the Holy Spirit. Only his reviving and renewing influence can move the machinery of a dead church, or impart life to a dead soul. Let us first of all seek power from on high. -Cumberland Presbyterian.

### Meeting of the Canebrake Union.

The first session of the Canebrake Union has just been held in Demopolis, continuing three days. It was a feast of fat things from the beginning to the end. Our State Mission Secretary, Rev. W. B. Crumpton, voiced the inspiration of the occasion in his earnest and timely introductory serthat night. Sermons were delivered on Saturday and Sunday by Rey. F. H. McGill, Dr. B. F. Riley, Rev. W. B. Crumpton, and Rev. W. A. Par-

The subjects, "A consecrated membership," Evidences of Christian character," "Our Mission Fields," and "Giving" were ably and earnestly discussed. The high order of talent and consecrated zeal displayed by these brethren made an impression of deep spiritual power upon the community. It was indeed good to be there.

The purpose of this Union is to unite the canebrake churches in sympathy and co-operation in the Master's great work. A contribution of \$23.50 was made

to Missions by the Demopolis saints. Feb. 2nd. G.S. ANDERSON. P. S. These meetings will be held on the Fifth Sundays. G. S. A

We are born for a higher destiny will be spread, before us like islands that slumber on the ocean, and where

#### Seminary News.

Our immediate examinations are all over with, and the students have start ed out on the new term with renewed energy. The colored people have established a new National Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky., under the auspices of the white brethren of the Christian churches of this and other cities. Rev. Fred D. Hale, "The Baptist Moody of Kentucky, as he is called by some, has been suc cessfully conducting a revival meet ing at the Fourth and Walnut Baptist church for the last four weeks. Large crowds attended the meeting. enty-five had oined the church up to last night. Bro. Hale is very earnest in his preaching, and impresses his hearers with the idea that he feels what he says. He is one of our Alabama boys who went out from the Seminary last session. The Students' Memorial Hall

tributions received up to the present from all the States will not amount to more than \$1,500. Dr. Boyce is determined to keep on until he gets enough to build this hall. Some of you remember that in the year 1865 the Seminary was re-opened, and the endowment was nearly all gone. Dr. Boyce "footed the bills" largely out of his own greatly reduced private means. Some went so far as to prophesy its downfall. But still it has lived and prospered, and to-day it numbers above one hundred students. Who is it in Alabama that will contribute towards building this hall?

not been erected vet. All the con-

The regular monthly meeting of our Missionary Society was held last Monday, and the exercises were peculiarly interesting. Bro. Falk, of Tennessee, a full graduate of the Seminary, who is now taking extra studies. read a very interesting essay on the subject, "What is the personal duty of ministers at home to the work of Foreign Missions?" He showed that that a part of his work at home was to help those abroad. The man at home can work for Foreign Missions: 1. By praying for Foreign Missions. It is in the closet that a burning zeal generally comes to a man. Praying for missions leads a man to work for missions. We take the greatest interest in what we pray for the most. By prayer we call down blessings upon the missionary and his work. Nor should we stop here, we should remember missionaries cannot live on prayer. 2. By talking for missionaries. Give the people all the information you can in regard to the mission work. Get people to understand the difficulties with which the missionaries have to come in contact. Tell in words, plain and earnest, the story of their struggles and triumphs. Such things as these will arouse the sympa thies of the people. Now, in addi tion to praying and talking for missions you are, 3. To get the people to give to missions. This must, after all, be the ultimate object of your work for missions. Money makes missions But don't get the notion into your head that people love to give their money away, that they will dispense with it as freely as they do with advice. First persuade them that it

is their duty to give. Induce them not think that they will get mad with

religion to other lands. There was on, and now rejoice together in their very little done at home by the Bap- own house. What cannot the Lord's mon on Friday morning. Marion's tists until they sent missionaries into people do when they labor in his BAMA BAPVIST. There were other pastor, Dr. A. C. Davidson, delivered the foreign fields, said Bro. Harvey. strength. Another year two pastors penny dropped into the offering plate his masterly discourse on Missions Dr. Broadus made some suggestions will be needed where only a few years at a church service is an abomination to the students, advising them not to since there were none. Five or six be conten with preaching one big years ago, an evangelist of the State the number of those who contribute missionary sermon a year to their Board assembled the few Baptists of this churches, but to be frequently intro- old town together, preached three serducing the subject in sermons, by mons to them, got them to invite Bro. using illustrations, examples, and in Fortester to preach to them tivo nights many other ways. And above all to in the month. This was the beginkeep themselves well informed in re- ning then Bro. Anderson took Bro. gard to missionary work.

W. J. ELLIOTT. Louisville, Ky., Feb. 4th.

Trip Notes. By invitation of Canaan church on

Saturday before the second Sunday West and Frost. Bro. West informed those who will feel that God holds the money due him on the old sub- they do help the preacher! I shall scription to the Baptist. Could not not soon forget that Sabbath afternoon to collect these amounts? I for one Lord was there, and his blessing will am willing to present any account due follow the sowing of the seed. from my neighborhood. ... I love Bro. | Churches wishing to add a baptiste-West, and want to see his mind re- ry to their houses, would do well to lieved of its embarrassment. I would correspond with Bro. Anderson, at say something about Brother Frost, Newberne, and get the design of the but he is too well known to need any baptistery in the Demopolis house. introduction from me. I will say,

#### however, that I regard him as being

second to no preacher in the State. From Selma I took the 4 o'clock train for Macon, which place I reached about 8 o'clock and found conveyance waiting to carry me to the hospitable home of Bro. T. T. Daughdrill, who lives at Spring Hill, five miles from Macon. At Bro. Daughdrill's, I found that peerless preacher, Bro. W. A. Parker.

The next day being very unfavorable there was a very small turnout at the church, and for the first time in life I preached to an audience of the same name with but two exceptions. That night there was no preaching at Linden from inclemency of weather, and the time was spent at Bro. E. T. Walston's, after a ride of eleven miles. Our stay at Bro. W.'s will ever be remembered with pleasure. Next morning we faced toward the home of Bro. Parker. Between Linden and where he lives is a tract of land known as the flatwoods. This is of a red color soil with post oak, and short pine, all scrubby, growing on it, and very disagreeable on account of mud. Here we spent the evening and night with this dear brother and small fami-

Tuesday night found us in neighborhood of Canaan church, the home of Bro. I. Ross Holloman. after a long ride of about 20 miles. Next day I talked a short while to a small audience, after which I went to Bro. F. M. Dunaway's for dinner, spending the night at Bro. Wm. Dunaway's. These are brothers of our Bro. Dunaway, who is now at the Howard, and if they are fair samples of the family you may expect something great from him after he completes his course at college.

The next morning I had to tell Bro Parker good bye, much to my regret Bro. P. is the leading spirit of Bethel Association, and is one of the most sacrificing pastors I have ever met. May the Lord bless him and his dear family. We were conducted to Mc-Kinley by Bro. Joe Lambert. About one o'clock we stopped at Mr. King's, who is the representatime of Marengo county. Here we were entertained in a princely manner by the Colonel and his most excellent wife. From here we went to Bro. I. B. Perkins, where we were entertained most hospitably by Bro. and Sister Perkins, and Miss Jackson, a graduate of the Judson with teaching school there. ing we turned for Spring Hill, by way of Dayton. We found the Baptists at Canaan and Spring Hill united and doing well. At the other places we visited there seemed to be some discord. We saw while on this trip some of the finest land we have ever seen. Another thing growing in its natural turf. Taking it all in all this was a very pleasant trip, and we made the acquaintance of many friends that we will love to think of on the way to the better land. W. N. HUCKABEE

Plantersville, Ala.

#### The Demopolis Church.

How my heart was stirred as I stood before that noble band of Baptists at Demopolis, now worshipping to give from the heart. Get their in their own beautiful house. The friends who have help this people, may feel assured their money never you for asking them so often for was expended on a more appreciative money. The more money you get people, or on a more promising field. out of people for good causes the bet- Two years and a half ago they deter they will like you for it. Give termined to try to build; what difficulties they had to overcome, how And yet the highest personal duty of they prayed and toiled on, will all be the minister at home to the work of made known at the last. And there Foreign Missions is to give himself to is their heroic pastor, who by his unit. He should consider very prayer- tiring labor is establishing the Baptist fully whether he should not devote cause firmly in all this canebroke rehis life to the work. Dr. Manly said gion. Twice each month he has that forty years ago he would have preached to this little band of Baptists gone as a missionary had it not been at night has had only about two or for his feeble health, but that he felt three day services during all these thankful that his life had been spared, years, in an old town, where the other and that it had been his privilege to denominations were long establishedlabor at home for the exporting of but he and this handful of people went Forrester's place-the Board has been helping them from the start, and now they are paying back to the Board what it has expended on them. They gave me a most liberal offering for

I must mention the singing-how in last month, I boarded the train for inspiring it was. We need converted Selma, where I met those Godly men singers and organists in our churches, me that he had received but little of them to account for the singing. How the pastors of Alabama help Bro. W. with the children of the town-the

W. B. CRUMPTON.

Association Minutes Wanted.

I need the following Minutes for 1885 Mud Creek, Mount Carmel, New River, Pea River. Sandy Creek, Town Creek. Warrior River, Weogufka, Yellow Creek,

some brother in each please favor me with a copy of Minutes at once? Don't wait for somebody else. WM. A. DAVIS, Statistical Secretary Montgomery, Ala W. B. Crumpton needs the following

Minutes for 1885 to complete his file. Please once to Marion, Ala. mail him a copy at Macedonia, Mount Carmel. Mobile Baptist Union Mud Creek, Cahaba Valley Sandy Creek, Town Creek, Troy, Warrior River,

Apportionment of Undesignated Funds

Weoguska,

At the Board meeting of January 12th in ish the ALABAMA BAPTIST, for publication, the rule by which he divides undesignated funds. The Board is trying to raise this conventional year, \$23,000 distributed as fol-

1.000 Evangelization Colored People, If I should have \$115 sent me for division, Bible Work.

W. B. CRUMPTON, Cor.

#### The Ethics of Discussion.

The spirit in which discussion is of en carried on is illustrated, rather than caricatured, in the story of the man who was boasting of silencing his opponent, and who, in answer to the question how he had done it, answered that he had hit him over the head with a club.

And yet there is a very clear line which affords a basis to start from, towards the recognition of the ethics of discussion. This is to be found in the principle that those who are engaged in a discussion are, for a time. in a position of perfect equality, as regards rights and privileges in the discussion. Where this perfect equality is lacking, the exercise may partake of the nature of lecturing, or of teaching, or of hearing and answering object tions, but it is not a discussion. Actual equality in other respects may be, indeed, and generally is, lacking; one party in the discussion may be learned quick-witted, eloquent, and the other may be uneducated, slow in percention, and rude in speech; but the possession or lack of these personal ad vantages must in no degree affect the equal rights and privileges of either party in the discussion. - S. S. Times.

#### The Proper Place for Pennies

The Independent has great respect for pennies-in their proper place; but it holds that their place is not the contribution-box. It argues its point

It has been aptly said that, as a

rule. Christian people save their pennies "for the Lord and the organgrinders." No doubt pennies are used to a large extent in small transactions outside of charity and worship. But it is past question that they are largely used in the "worship and work of the Lord." Now we do not despise a penny when it is conseto God, and represents the ability of the given but we are profoundly assured that there is no proper relation between the mass of pennies which find their way into the offering plates and the well dressed worshippers(?) from whose ample hands they are dropped into the plates. From a little child, and from the hands of the poor, a penny may have some significance as an act of worship: but from the hands of an able bodied man, a well dressed woman, a young man with a silver headed cane and gold watch, who has just thrown away the stub of a a penny on the Sabbath day to the 'worship and work" of Christ is in excess of those who contribute more than that sum. We have been at some pains to verify this statement by a careful inquiry into the facts as shown by the collections taken in various churches and religious as-

It has long been a baffling question to us why it is that this streak of meanness comes out of men and women so habitually in connection with the service of God's house. Dollars for personal pleasures, little extravagances and indulgencies, and pennies and nickels for God. Surely it must be either that the heart i closed with ingratitude or else it pure (bad) habit and thoughtless.

When a man gets the knowledge of ings of God to be right. When he obtains the knowledge of God in Christ, then he finds that all the promises of God are right, -yea and amen. -Adam Clarke.

A dear old gentleman, the father of a large family, on being asked which were his favorites among his children, innocently replied: "I never had any favorites among them. But if I had had, they would have been John and

"Died of ammonia, poor fellow," said the renowned Mrs. Partington, on learning of a friend's death from pneumonia. "I believe I should have died. too, but for Dr. Bull's Cough Stirrup. meant, of course.

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"And how does Charley like going school?" kindly inquired a good man of a enough!" replied the embryo Statesman, in genuously; "but I don't like stayin' after I

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#### A Happy People.

The community at Georgiana, Ala, has just passed-through the most gra- be the career and character of the cious revival it ever enjoyed. It was young Christian woman as the warm a spiritual feast, deep and thorough. spring light of God's eternal love The meetings were conducted by Bro. | would sink into her heart and perme-T. F. Thomason, and his skill and ate her whole spiritual being. Then power are simply wonderful. He is would the leaves of lovely deeds deliberate, but intensely in earnest. spring up in her heart and the bright His sermons and Bible reading are alls buds of Christian graces burst into to one point, and that is, to impress beautiful flowers and shed their fraupon the mind of the inquirer the grance upon the otherwise lifeless willingness and power of Christ to waste. Is it not a beautiful sight to save all who trust him, and he suc- see the young give their hearts to ceeds. Happy were the results of the God and know that forever more they meetings. Bad feelings had existed are consecrated to his work and seramong some parties, but they were all | vice? consumed by the love of God shed abroad in their hearts. Now peace and good-will reign.

All Christians were greatly strength ened and made to rejoice. About one hundred souls were converted. Sixtytwo united with the Baptist church and eleven with the Methodist church. We believe that others will soon follow in the Lord's service.

J. E. BELL. Georgiana, Feb. 2nd.

Nothing less than the majesty of God and the powers of the world to come can maintain the peace and sanctity of our homes, the order and serenity of our minds, the spirit of patience and tender mercy in our "as it had been the face of an angel." hearts. - Martineau.

#### A Beautiful Baptismal Scene

Eds. Ala. Baptist: Not very long ago I was a spectator at the baptismal Walworth wrote a novel called "The ordinance of a beautiful young maid- Bar-Sinister," which told in burning en. It was a glorious day: the sun in words, the story of the horrors of then comes the tug of war. A wise, all his effulgence shone in spendor Mormonism. Now her publishers, General knows very well how to mar- upon the solemn scene; the creek, in Cassell & Company, have nearly commemoration of the solemn occa- ready for publication a new novel sion, seemed to sparkle with latent from her pen, entitled "Without purity and transparency; the clouds Blemish-To-Day's Problem." In floating in soft radiance the sky seem- this too, she deals with a vital subject ed in harmony with the scene, and the problem of the negro's future. instead of bearing upon their bosoms While her book has a moral purpose, the dark and ominous colors each it is not a dry dissertation, but, like was lined with a silver mantle, tipped her story of Mormon life, is full of with the golden reflection of the sun's dramatic action and thrilling incident. radiant beams. At last the pastor stepped into the waters of the creek and continued to advance until the right depth was reached, and standing

in this peculiarly touching position. It stirred up my cold and drove it in a few brief and solemn words, asked away." Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup she God's benedictions and blessings to rest upon the ordinance to be performed. The young convert who in the gleeful thoughtlessness of youthed, so delighted! A sunbeam got into ful hours had tasted and drank of the pleasures and vanities the world gives, striving thereby to make its cy to consumption. Such persons, if votaries cease to think of Christian virtues and of God, until they had palled upon her taste, now came forward, and by this last act of obedience was showing to the world that once again her affections were turned towards heaven and that she indeed had taken upon herself the cross of Jesus sample copy. Christ. And as she came forward to THE BUSHKILL SOCIAL. By Rev. do her Master's bidding the scene was augustly solemn. Never in my life do I remember to have witnessed so solemn a spectacle. It seemed that God had sent an angel down to hush all nature into silence that man might witness the power of Jehovah as the young convert was buried to the world and resurrected and made anew in Christ Jesus. And that Spirit, holy Bushkill Creek, Easton, Pennsylvania.

As I thus looked upward I saw the "towering giants of the forest" standing as mute and silent spectators of the scene. And I thought how like unto them as they thus stood had been the past life of the young convert and how the future of her life would resemble these same trees when the spring time would bedeck them with beauty and loveliness. There stood the trees bare of all the "green glories" which the fall winds had taken away, with the long boughs and branches stretching out without any protection from the winter's storm, and when the cold winds whistled in fury and power through them it was "I like going well as though some weird form chanted the requeum of departed glory, this also had been the career of the young convert, and not only her career, but the career of every one until they are soothes the child, softens the gums, allays brought to the saving knowledge of grace. When the fierce storms of

trial and despondency come to the unconverted alone, unaided and unsupported they have to stand the tritl. There had hitherto been no green foliage of God's protecting care and love for her support-there had been no blood-stained cross from Calvary's height for her to lean against for protection and rest. Nothing was there to comfort her save the bleak joys, pleasures and the sense of forgetfulness which the world grudgingly gave to her troubled soul. But how different the scene as I thought of the spring time when all the beauties of nature would be open. I thought how those trees would be arrayed in the glorious colors of returning beauty, and what was now bare, rugged and devoid of beauty would be clad in the bright habiliments of loveliness. And I thought that thus would now

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We must be on the mountain like Moses in fellowship with our Master, if we are to come down and walk amongst men with radiance streaming from our countenance, so that all that look upon us shall behold our face, - A. Maclaren, D.D.

#### Literary Notes.

A short time ago Mrs. J. H

The February Dorcas is at hand, and we find it contains an excellent article on Home Decoration, written by the editor, and accompanied with two designs for screans. We wish to commend these articles as they will enable one with a small amount of material and moderate skill to make a handsome home at little cost. Also, an article on Crewel Painting, by Miss Hepworth Dixon, of London, besides many knitted and lace crochet patterns; a couple of squares for counterpanes, ladies' breakfast cap. infants plain knitted skirt, antique tidy, and a knitted shawl. This magazine is published at 873 Broadway, New York. Price of subscription, \$1.00 per year. Ten cents for

Edwin McMinn, author of "The Breaker Boy," 'The Eaglesmere Trio," "Brave Hearts Win," "Judith and Glaucia," and "Ben-Ammi." 12mo., 32opp. Price, 1.25. Philation Society.

The Bushkill Social was a club of lads that met on the border of the holiness and Godly power seemed to periods, as studied by boys of the stamp the impress of divinity upon the present. Boys will find in the volume scene. It was too solemn to look matter of vivid interest; and parents, upon, so raising my eyes to heaven in Sunday-school teachers, and pastors mute and humble supplication I asked can scarcely fail to be both interested Why the Sky Grew Suddenly Dim. He God's richest blessings to rest upon and instructed by a perusal of these the consecration of that life to his ser- brief sketches of boys of many centuries and many lands.

> SPICY BREEZES FROM MINNESOTA PRAIRIES. By Boston W. Smith, (Uncle Boston), 12mo., 256pp. Price, \$1.00. Philadelphia: American Baptist Publication Society.

This interesting work is designed to give sketches of Missionary and Sunday-school work in Minnesota, during the different seasons of the year. Hence, there are spring, summer, auand winter breezes. The sketches are from real life, and present in a vivid manner the field, its various needs, the encouragements and discouragements of the Home Missionary and the Sunday-school Missionary, as well as striking examples of real Christian devotion and heroism among the members of the churches, who are laying foundations for future work and future successés in the Lord's work in that Northwestern State. The author has been some years a Sunday-school Missionary of the American Baptist Publication Society. This, book is sure to be read, and enjoyed also; and it will lead its readers to deeper interest in the work in these new fields, to more intelligent action and more earnest prayers for them, and for those that are there laboring.

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> John B. Alden, Publisher, New York. CASTS FROM POMPEH. Pompeii, in which are preserved a son of Rev. I. U. Wilkes, and the plaster casts of some of the people bride is one of Chilton County's who perished in the eruption. These sweetest and best. May a cup brimpeople were covered up by the fine full of connubial bliss be theirs. ashes just where they fell, and in the

positions in which they died. These ashes hardened, and although the bodies, with the exception of a few bones, entirely disappeared in the of ages, the hollow places left in the ashes were exactly the shape of the forms and features of the persons who had been there. An ingenious Italian conceived the idea of boring into ihese hollow moulds and filling them up with figuid plaster of Paris. When this became dry and hard, the ashes were removed, and there were the plaster images of the persons who had been overtaken and destroyed before they could escape from the terrible storm of hot ashes, which came down quantities sufficient to cover a whole city from sight. In some of these figures the features are very distinct, and we can even distinguish the texture of their clothes and the rings upon their finger. There are eight of these figures-men, women. and girls, besides the cast of a large dog. To stand and look upon the exact representation of these poor creatures who perished here seems still more to shorten the time between the present and the days when Pompeii was a lively, bustling city.-From "Personally conducted," by Frank R. Stockton, in St. Nicholas.

AN ANECDOTE OF ROBERT TOOMES.

number, occurs the following: "Gen- afternoon. Vaiden lived several miles Loved one, eral Toombs, our Georgia fire-eater, from town, but always attended the was given to criticising very severely prayer meeting. The road leading all the officers of the regular army from his house to the church ran by who had joined their fortunes with the residence of a neighbor who was those of the Confederacy. He was not a pious man, but who was led to delphia: American Baptist Publica- hot-blooded and impatient, and chafed serious reflection, which resulted in at the delays of the commanders in his conversion, by noticing the regutheir preparations for battle. His larity with which this servant of God general idea was that the troops went attended the meetings of his church. out to fight, and he thought they The names of Vaiden and Fox recall and undefiled, as he hovered there They were gathered around one of should be allowed to go at it at once. another veteran of the cross, tenderly with wings outspread seemed to cast riper years, a real friend of boys, and An incident that occurred in the associated with them in my mind, S. Dr. Shallenberger's Antidote for Malaria to the wind every earthly conside a power among them. The work second Manassas campaign will serve R. Freeman. They have all entered ure In eration, vanity and care, and in his itself is a book about boys of various to illustrate his hot-headedness. As into rest, but "being dead yet speak" we were preparing to cross the Ranidan. Stuart sent me word that he had cut off a large cavalry force and had all the fords guarded except one. He asked that I detail a force to guard returns." Change, decay, death, that point of escape. The work was assigned to the command under General Toombs, who was absent at the time. He had met a kindred spirit n the person of a wealthy Virginian named Morton, whom he had known n Congress, and was out dining with They were both good livers and loved to have their friends with them. In going back to his command General Toombs came upon his troops on the road and inquired what they were doing there. The explanation was made. Toombs had had a good dinner and felt indepen-He said he would give the general to understand that he must consult him before sending his troops out to guard a ford, and thereupon ordered them back to camp. As the mystified troops marched solemnly back, the matter was reported to me and I ordered Toombs under arrest. I allowed him to ride with his command as we marched against Pope He did not do so, and the next thing his mantle fell upon younger, but not I heard of him he was stopping along his troops and referring in anything church member. He was wise in but complimentary terms to the com- counsel, firm, yet kind in discipline, mander of his division. I sent him back to Gordonsville, with instruct of his church. Though he was abtions to confine himself to the limits sent in person for the last three of that town in arrest until further years on account of feebleness, yet orders. He obeyed the command he was always present by his contriand went to Gordonsville. Just as I butions and prayers A pastor never was leaving the Rappahannock I re- had a warmer friend. I was his pasceived a long letter of apology from tor for five years, and always found him, and directed him to join his him ready to advise, ready to sympacommand. As we were preparing thize, always ready to approve the for the charge at Manassas, Toombs right and condemn the wrong. The got there. He was riding rapidly, religion of Christ never had a better with his hat in his hand, and was much enthused. I was just sending a courier to his command with a dis-

"Let me carry it!" he exclaimed.

handed him the paper. put off, accompanied by a courier. When he rode up and took command tifed by faith, we have peace with of his brigade there was a wild en- ord, through our Lord Jesus Christ, thusiasm, and everything being ready by whom we have access by faith into an exultant shout was sent up, and this grace wherein we stand and rethe men sprang to the charge. I never had any more trouble with Toombs. We were ever afterwards warm personal friends."

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At the residence of Mr. J. W. Orr, paper covers, at the price of 15 cents, Danville, Morgan county, Ala., at 2 also in very handsome cloth-bound o'clock p. m. on Monday, the 25th of his loss. I, the pastor, miss him bevolumes, gilt tops, 480 pages, for 60 January, 1886, by Eld. Mat. Lvon. cents. The parts can be exchanged Mr. Wm. A. Orr to Miss Hattie Mclife. It is a moral necessity for those for bound volumes, at any time. Four Donald. The wedding party proparts are now ready, also the first ceeded to the residence of the groom's bound volume; volume two will be father, Mr. W. W. Orr, four miles issued in a few days. The publisher's from Danville, and partook of an ele- must wait the glad good-morning on gant and bountiful wedding supper.

At Strasburg, Chilton County, on the evening of the 4th, inst. Mr. T. W. Wilkes, formerly of Brierfield, Ala., and Miss Tola Wilson; Rev. A. A museum has been erected in E. Burns officiating. The groom is

I. B. Vaiden

The memory of the just is blessed. I have but recently heard of the death of this dear brother, and nothing of the circumstances attending it, except that he died suddenly. know no one who was better prepared Mr. John Marshall Chambers Dec. to meet the "king of terrors" without warning of his approach than he, at her father's residence. The religion of Jesus was an abiding principle, that possessed his heart and Chambers was tender and sympathet controlled his life. His personal re- ic; as a daughter and sister she was sponsibility to God seemed to be an sweet and cheerful in her obedience, ever present thought. I never knew kind and thoughtful in word and deed; Cash in Vault. ... who had in a higher degree the cour- above reproach; and a wife and mothage of his convictions.

he had his share, he bore himself with such farewell! In General Longstreet's account of memory. For the convenience of the and peacefully sleeps on Jesus' bosom 'His March against Pope," in The members who lived in the country, the who would awake her to the pains, Century War Series, in the February weekly prayer meeting was held in the and aches, and sorrows of this life?

How rapidly the tide of time is bearing us to "that undiscovered country from whose bourn no traveller meet us everywhere, and warn us, "be ye also ready. W. H. M. Cedartown, Ga.

Daniel McKenzie

Died, at his residence near Louisville, Barbour county, Ala., on the morning of the 19th of January, 1886, deacon Daniel McKenzie, in the eighty-first year of his age. Bro. McKenzie was born in Richmond county, North Carolina in the year moved to his late residence in 1828; he joined Bethlehem Baptist Tryon; was ordained in 1838 to the office of deacon, which office he used well, "purchasing for himself a good degree, and great boldness in the faith." He was for a number of years treasurer of the Salem Association. When the Enfaula Association was formed his church joined that body, and he was elected to the same office, which position he filled with credit to and expected that he would make himself and profit to the association some explanation of his conduct. till he was too old for its duties, when more worthy ones. Bro. McKenzie the route making stump speeches to was a good deacon as well as a good

prompt in attending all the services exponent of its truth, both in word and deed than Bro. McKenzie. It was- characteristic of him to deliberate, to conduct, to execute. I was with him in his last illness, and while "With pleasure," I responded, and his mind was in some degree impaired by disease, yet upon religious matters "He put spurs to his horse and he talked freely and clearly, often quoting such passages as, "Being jus-

joice in the hope of the glory of God.

is done.

"His languishing head is at rest, Its abinking and aching are o'er, His quiet immovable breast Will be heaved by affliction no The church already feels sensibly cause his seat is empty. The family mourn because him they loved so dearly they will meet on earth no more. But while we weep he has found a refuge from all sorrow. We the brighter shore. Now let pastor, brethren, kindred, and friends unite in the following inscription to his

"He served his generation by the will

of God and fell on sleep." His work

'Ever honored, ever dear, adieu! How many tender ties are lost in you, Keep safe, oh, tomb, keep safe thy pre

Till life divine wakes up PASTOR.

Do not pray for crutches, but fo wings .- Phillips Brooks.

Mrs. Rinah H. Chambers.

The subject of this notice was born September, 1853; received into Beulah Baptist church and baptized by her venerable grandfather, Matthew I P. Smith, August, 1873; married to 8th, 1880; and died Dec. 10th, 1885,

As a friend and neighbor Sister more conscientious man, or one as a servant of Christ she was truly er she was perfectly devoted.

With a heart as tender and sympa. She was by nature richly endowed thetic as a woman's, there was a rug- with those qualities of head and heart ged honesty of character invulnerable which attract everybody, and these alike, either to flattery or fear. In were completely saturated with the the sad experiences of life of which love of Christ. O, how hard to say to

Christian humility. His daily life was To her sorrowing friends and relaan illustration of fidelity to duty. An tives, and especially to her husband incident in point when he was a mem- and sweet little boys, Frank and Kirber of the church at Uniontown, by, I rejoice to say, that "ye sorrew shows the power of the silent influ- not, even as those which have 50 ence of a godly man. At the time to hope. For if we believe that Jestis, which I refer that church was one of died and rose again, even so them also the most prosperous in the State, and which sleep in Jesus will God bring enforted the ministry of that sterling with him." What a flood of light and man, and able expounder of the comfort fills the soul! 'She is not scriptures, L. L. Fox, of blessed dead but sleepeth." As she quietly

Thou art gone to the grave, but we will not deplore thee, Since God was thy Savior, thy guardian and guide; He gave thee, he took thee, and he will be store thee: And death has no sting, for the Savior M. M. Wood.

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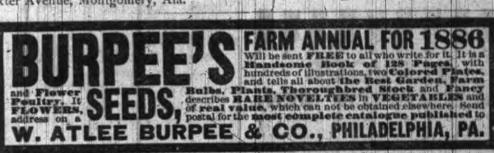
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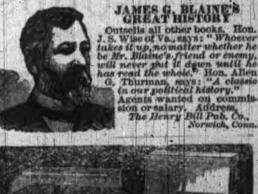
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Our fields are sown with tears; grief the ground, if its top reached heaven. The fly works, and seems ever in a line had any secrets they the ground, if its top reached heaven. The fly works, and seems ever in a line had any secrets they the ground, if its top reached heaven. The fly works, and seems ever in a line had any secrets they the ground, if its top reached heaven. The fly works, and seems ever in a line had any secrets they the ground, if its top reached heaven. The fly works, and seems ever in a line had any secrets they the ground, if its top reached heaven. The ground is the ground in the ground in the ground in the ground is the ground in the ground is the ground in the grou laria causes disease the FARMERS' PILLS is Lucy. Pries are the only preparation which while driving out malarial poison fills the blood with the phosphates and the finest prepara-tion of iron. Weakly people, men or women or children, can be made strong by this WEEDON & DENT, Sole Manufacturers, Eufaula, Ala. For sale by Irvine, Garside & Alexander,

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## Alabama Baptist.

MONTGOMERY, ALA., FEB. 11, 1886. The little Foxes.

Finished! The last stitch was just on the needles. Lucy held it up ad ter.

miringly. "What a beauty!" exclaimed Emily. your mother will be delighted. wish that I could knit one for my

"You could learn in two minutes, Emily. I will set it up for you now, on my needles, and teach you," said

Emily was much pleased. She was willing to begin at once. They sat preach that sermon?" in a quiet corner of the library-Emily with her friend Lucy Knowles, who had been visiting her for a week. "O, Lucy, say that you will stay

"No dear child, I cannot: my letter is written and sealed." You can easily open it; and add

for another week."

that they lived together. They hadn't she called, and-" A lady who can teach music as well as said. Lucy laughed, and assured her that they could do very much talking in the languages, to teach in a prince family or a country school of thirty puwill let us alone," said Emily. "It is mon faults, without harm to our char-so nice to sit here and plan. O, acter—and character, you know, is tiously conducted paper becomes a Lucy, don't you want to be a noble what we are, and what we are to be favorite in the family." woman? I intend to be! I like to forever!

"Just then Rufus called through

"O, dear," whispered Emily, promised to mend his ball. I forgot don't want him to bother us now." Hark! Some one whistled a note, and then said, in a low tone—'Ah,

he foxes! The little foxes!" The girls looked at each other. "I didn't know that Mac was in the study," whispered Emily, "He is writing his valedictor, speech, that Jesus will save us." I don't think

"What do you suppose that he is our sins?" saying about foxes, in his valedictory

speech?" asked Lucy.

"I don't know," replied Emily. "There goes Rufus across the meadow. We are safe from him for awhile," his ball," Lucy said.

She wanted to talk, just then, about Spirit, to make us better, day by day. "Think over some great names, Lucy. Whom would you choose for

a model? There were Miriam, and Deborah, and Jael!" dove the nail into the man's head!" Y. Observer.

cried Lucy. "I should not want to be like her?" "Well, there was Joan of Arc." But Lucy was sure she would not, of her own free will, be a warlike

woman even to save her country.

Indeed there was no end to the things that she undertook. Then England, Germany or France. Morethere were the three Mrs. Judsons,

girls are coming to tea." she said: "vou asked them to come." "I had to ask them," said Emily, "and I do like them a little. Only Mary is stupid and Sara is vain, always trying to show her pretty foot,

Something more, in a low tone, from Mac about the foxes. "What does he mean?" whispered Lucy. "Is he writing a speech on foreign commerce, and refuses to pay to confound the things which are

Natural History?" in Lucy to suppose so when Mac was to be Valedictorian of his class.

to do in the world." Still she wondered why he should January. be thinking about foxes just then?

"We will make him tell us what he means," said Lucy. "We cannot if he does not choose,"

cine that is put up in this or any other coun- ly. But if he had any secrets they then), but Jacob's ladder began with

the power of life over death. No tonic can "Foxes," he repeated. "Indeed, manifest. The bee works quietly, away ten thousand years ago, when restore the system to strength while there is Miss Lucy, I must refer you to the and for a very sweet end. malaria in the system, and the FARMERS' Encyclopædia, or to Wood's Bible To serve a short time and fill it is about your nead and you rest in an Animals perhaps. Are you writing a far better than a long and idle life. infinite compass of surpassing glory, book on Natural History?" The minister was right who, when or when glory or ripened grace shall

"I? oh no! But we thought that told "he might live five or six years shall be within you and without you, perhaps you were."

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had a great admiration for Mac. the accomplishment of most enterto the top of the house, yet he has
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"He is so good!" she would say.

Price of the house, yet he has price of the head and yet he ha comfortable feeling just then that he may not ride on a deer to our busi- ness of that. So, in this first step of could not have said the same about ness, and on tortoises or snails to prayer-"O Lord, be merciful unto

One Suuday, soon after all this, February. Emily looked up, much interested to hear the clergyman read as his text; Take us the foxes, the little foxes

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and her ears were wide open to hear what he would say about those curious

hinder the growth of a noble charac- often tried to define:

Emily had never listened more at-tentively to a sermon. She was be-is fully confirmed by all publishers. tentively to a sermon. She was be- is fully confirmed by all publishers. Cures all Coughs, Colds, Hoarseness, Sore side Mac all through the walk home. 'Stop my paper,' words of dread to Throat, Brouchitis, Preumonia, and all Neither spoke for a while. At length, beginners in business; lose their terror Throat and Lung diseases, except Consumi

home; please answer my question."

"I? no, certainly not."

But Lucy was sure that she must meant the way I behaved about the offices for a few weeks becomes an go home. Emily sighed, and wished ball, and not going to Aunt Sue when insupportable privation, and they

sit in that arm-chair and think over "Yes, I understand now," she said, the grand things that I am going to tears filling her eyes. "I thought that I was going to be such a noble woman, and all the while the little the hall," "Emily, Emily, where are foxes were spoiling my tender vines. And that is how it will be always,' she added, despondently.

all about it. Keep still, Lucy, I will drive away the fox 'Distrust' that is showing his head just now."

a few months ago, and said that we the amounts which they pay to the out. But this is not God's way for us. believed in Jesus Christ as our Savior. sellers, do not correspond, but show A man who is travelling in a dark What did we mean?"

way, Mac." to have meant, when we stood there fact that he is himself allowed to cheat unto our feet, not a sun flooding a "Poor Rufus: I am sorry about and confessed our faith in Christ, you in small sums, will take care hemisphere. In the darkest night, it

Thank you, Mac," she said. "I "Jael! that dreadful woman who who will help me against them."-N.

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"He will write about the good An English syndicate recently closed times that they had together and a contract for \$60,000,000 to build about the grand things that they mean railways, and other works in Buenos Ayres. - From Demorest's Monthly for

## Work.

with the poor, the sufferer with the of the liver, stomach and boweis. A few hours afterward, at the tea- healthy and strong. Jacob had a

if he gave up work, but only three above and below, when feet of clay "There, I knew that he wouldn't years if he persisted in preaching," shall walk upon pure surpassing glory.
The street of the city was pure gold.— "Perhaps he didn't hear us, didn't years for my Master to fifty years of Rutherford. even know that we were in the leisure." Let us all guard against library," said Lucy.

He that makes but one step up a Emily thought differently. She will are generally our only need for stair, though he be not much nearer

> There is no godliness in the unre-thereof. - Donne. generate heart. There must be godiness before there can be the power of it. Piety is a lovely flower, but of Dr. Sage's Catarrh Remedy.

#### Love for Newspapers.

The following extract from some

"The strong attachment of subscri-"Mac, this is your last Sunday few years. So long as a paper pur-ome: please answer my question." sues a just, honorable and judicious H. Mozley, M. D., Atlanta, Ga. "How can I, little sister, till you course, meeting the wants of its cusave asked it?" tomers in all respects, the ties of friendship between the subscribers and the paper are as hard to break by an sutside third party as the link "Is that what you meant by the which binds old friends in business little foxes,' that day in the library or social life. Occasional defects and errors in a newspaper are overlooked "Yes, I remember, and that is by those who have become attached what I meant, my dear sister. I am to it through its persual for years. glad Mr. Ferguson preached that They sometimes become dissatisfied sermon, though I had nothing to do with it on account of something which has slipped into its columns, and may "Then you heard all that Lucy and stop taking it; but the absence of the I said, and by the 'little foxes,' you familiar sheet at their homes and hasten to take it again, and possibly "Your remarks about Mary and apologize for having stopped it. No "If only those troublesome boys remarks, or in a hundred other com- and earnest effort to merit his con-

#### "They Paid it out to the Carpenters."

There is generally a notable shrinkage, in the East, in money that is paid "No, Emily, it need not be, if you with the native language and customs, to go on. The trouble with most of and forced to do his purchasing us is that we want to see the path at so much, your servant charges you by the lantern he carries. It shows this world, to-day, from the power of indignant at this; for, if you were to that, the lantern is borne forward deal directly with the seller, your and another step is lighted, and then "Oh, I never thought of it in that ignorance and inexperience would another and another, until in the end way, Mac." But that is just the way it is, dear, larger figure. Your servant, on the he is safe at his destination. God's and that is what we meant, or ought other hand, in consideration of the word, as a guiding light, is a lamp We were just like two sick children; that nobody else gets a chance to will always show us the next sten: But Emily had forgotten about the sick at heart; when we came to cheat you in larger amounts. It is, then, when we have taken that, it will And he will do it, -only let us trust

If Your Lungs are Destroyed

however, you have not yet reached light on the path, and we domplain, the last stages of consumption, there and are discouraged because we is hope for you. But do not delay, stumble so often. If we stay back lest you cross the fatal line where with the lantern, it will be all right help is impossible. The Discery with us in our journeying.

Speak for Christ. Speak for your Lord and Master. accrue to European countries, not to hot, and then, like some volcano that which wish to trade with us, but while streaming down. You need not care there are hundreds of European for the graces of oratory, nor for the ly to the South American ports, no what you do know; show them your steamship bearing the American flag Savior's wounds; bid his sorrow speak forced to buy a great deal from the how your stammering tongue shall be South American States, but they take all the better an instrument because little or nothing from us in return, it does stammer, for that God "hath because our government discourages chosen the weak things of the world even ordinary fair rates for postal mighty; and base things of the world, London, instead of sending our not, to bring to naught things that

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through his servants is very likely to through to the end; before we take "Why, what do you mean, Mac?" find out that the amount which he the first step. We want to know, "You and I stood up in the church pays to them for various articles, and before we start, how we are to come What did we mean?" a good margin of personal profit to night on a country road, does not "Why, Mac, of course we meant the servants. The seller sells coffee have the whole way lighted at once "From hell, for heaven only, or in so much more. It is useless to get him only one step; but as he takes ball, also that Mac was in the library. Jesus, trusting him, by his Holy therefore, a matter of profit quietly to show us another; and thus on, till it accept the lesser of the two evils. brings us out into the full, clear sunlight of the coming day. We need to learn well the lesson of patience, if Emily clasped his hand tight, do not expect that Dr. Pierce's we would have God guide us. Many "Golden Medical Discovery" will of us cannot wait for him, but insist know now about the little foxes, and make new ones for you. It can do in running on faster than he leads, much, but not impossibilities. If, and then we wonder why there is no

#### Which is best?

An infidel was delivering a lecture at Northampton, England, and at the close he challenged discussion. Who should accept the challenge but an old bent woman, in most antiquated attire, who went up to the lecturer and

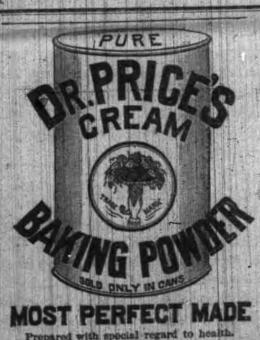
"Sir, I have a question to put to "Well, my good woman, what is

"Ten years ago," she said, "I was left a widow, with eight hitle children unprovided for, and nothing to call my own but this Bible. By its direction, and looking to God for strength, I have been enabled to feed myself and my family. I am new tottering to my grave, but I am perfectly happy because I look forward to a life of immortality with Jesus in heaven That's what my religion has done for me. What has your way of thinking done for you?"

"Well, my good friend, I don't mation as to rates, routes, &c., see agent of the company or write to C. P. Armore, G. P. &T. A., Louisville, Ky. want to disturb your comfort, but"-"Oh, that's not the question," interposed the woman, "keep to the point, sir. What has your way of thinking done for you?"

The infidel endeavored to shirk the matter again. The feelings of the people gave vent to applause, and he had to go away discomfited by an old woman. - The Freeman.

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