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tian Mind Towards the Current Theological Thought.

Address of Rev. G. A. Nunnally before the Address of Meeting of the Coosa River Association, Jan. 28th, 1888.

The time allowed me for the preparation and presentation of a paper on the "New Theology" is wholly inadequate. Because that science—if indeed it deserves to be dignified as a science—is in a chaotic and formative state. The materials from which it is to be constructed are yet lying around loose; some of it considerably decaved from age, some floating around the sea, and some so recent that it is too tender and fragile to be placed in the structure. Now and then some builder more rash, if not more wise, than the others, heaps it together. the imagination and braces it up with some well known truth, and challenges mankind to admire and accept, or to condemn and destroy; and, lo! while the friends and foes are gathering the frail structure trembles and topples and falls, or dissipates like a mirage of the desert, or the builder himself becomes dissatisfied, and tears it down with the hope of building better. No two advocates of a "New are agreed as to what it is "It is truly without form and void and darkness is upon the face of its deep;" the future only can determine whether or not the "Spirit of God is moving upon the face of its waters." "Let there be light" has not yet been

Were I possessed of indefinite time, and supplied with the best facilities, it would still be an attempt at the impossible to define and support, or re-I think your patience would be adequate to endure the dissertation, but I beg pardon of the committee for making a slight change in the topic, and present the following suggestions as to "The proper attitude of the Christian mind towards the current

theological thought." restlessness, a disquietude in a few "the long settled beliefs of A half concealed mis trust, a cautious reticence, an apologetic tone, is characteristic of some has been assserted that there is "an alienatien between much of the best scholarship and much of the best life of the Christian world. Though the exact point of divergence vet been designated. It is also declared that many "evangelical course of their studies, or have unconsciously drifted with the current of modern thought from their former religious opinions, though they have maintained their former spirit and aim and possibly still hold their same ecclesiastical association." There is a "suspicion that the advanced scholarship and the old faiths are at vari-

suspicions; the little disaffection has ing of a meteor, which but for its fall had never been known, is published to the ends of the earth, and the tele graph and cable and press hasten to spread the tidings, while the quiet orderly shining of a million fixed stars, making the midnight heavens luminous with their glory, are all unobserved. There is no need for alarm. Nothing has been lost that could not

the current of thought are as periodic ognized by its shadow rather than by as the tides on the ocean. They are its light. So will it be to many a soul needful to cast up the floating drift- who rejects and denies some imporwood, and clear the channel for the tant truth; the day will come when espirations of the Babel builders and Christ.

The Proper Attitude of the Chris- richly freighted vessel, and to wash the darkness rather than the light, bathes it summit in the sunshine of the beach and purify the waters. Every generation, every man must formulate his own creed to be able to maintain it. Harmony and strength cannot be had without it, and what if some build awkwardly, nevertheles if stone the building will stand.

Whoever is afraid of investigation does not believe in God. We seek truth and tradition, if false, must be hewn away. Bishop Butler, in writing to a friend before he left school, said: "I intend to make truth the business of my life." "Truth," said in the human mind as driftwood on Lord Bacon, "is the daughter of time. not of authority." Faith owes much to skepticism. Argus-eyed doubt has gone, lean and lank and gaunt, forth often and brought in many a truth to feed and feast and fatten the faith of pins the corners down with a straw of the soul. Doubting Thomas made a contribution to Christianity which believing Thomas had never supplied. Without doubt there will be no inquiry, and without inquiry there will be no knowledge. The doubt must intervene before the investigation can begins. "Skepticism," says a distinguished writer, "is an abomination to the ignorant, because it disturbs their lazy and complacent minds; because it troubles their cherished superstitions; because it imposes on them the fatigue of inquiry, and because it rouses even sluggish understandings by ancestral results? True world makto ask if things are as they are commonly supposed, and if all is really true which they from their childhood tinue. The facilities multiply and have been taught to believe." His "New Theology" is a boneless

organism, of the jelly fish variety, and the old theology has too much bone: some of the joints are man made, and seem to be made out of pig iron. The fute the "New Theology;" neither do New Theology was conceived in the womb of doubt, delivered "in an effort at investigation and lives by the germ of truth which it enfolds. Every error has a truth at the bottom of it. The denial of the existence of any truth in an error is sure to give the advantage to the advocate of error. The Christian athlete should careful-First, then, we assert that there is a ly and boldly strip off the swathing bandsof error, but with a cautious great minds of the age concerning and tender hand preserve the vital truth. Truth has nothing to fear by recognizing its kin in whatever com-

The apostolic injunction is as need ful to-day as when addressed to the confused Thessalonians, "comfort the feeble minded, support the week, be patient toward all men, but prove all things, hold fast that which is good." Gladly and gratefully surrender all though we are continually assigning that is proved to be spurious. Let divines have been carried by the the theological surgeon run his scalpel ering new elementary substances in through the Bible, let him dissect and their composition. amputate it. If, in the blunders of his surgery he cuts off a living truth, it will grow back again. Like the famous saurian the remaining vitality everlasting habitations, and enough of will restore the lost member. Let the the light of the sun of righteousness religious anarchists throw their dynamite brands into our creeds and blow it to atoms. Only the form is broken. The shell is shivered, the soul, the But mark you, these are only vague life, the truth that was in it still survives and will make unto itself a new been greatly exaggerated. The fall-body more beautiful and strong, and symmetrical than ever. The jointed snake, knocked into pieces, allows its enemy to rejoice for a season in his victory, then calmly and instinctively the pieces move back into position,

endowed with a similar vitality? Surrender all that is proved to be spurious and admit all that is proved be easily spared, and enough still is to be true. There is an adage that is left to meet the necessities of man for as false as it is terse. "If it is new, time and eternity. Any truth which it is not true and therefore it should is hung so low as to be plucked from be rejected." Such a position is a its orbit by the puny hand of man de- reflection upon the present age, and serves not a place in the constellations is as distasteful to the fathers as it is of the immortalities. Any light which disparaging to the sons. The firmacan be extinguished by the blow pipe ment of the space world was domed desired." of the labratory would not be reliable and starred in the beginning, and so in the storm and tempest of life. The was the firmament of the truth world destructionist, though often a blatant spread above us and zoned with the you would teach. and conceited wretch, may rid us of belts of spirit light and one is as susmuch that is cumbersome and worth- ceptible to survey and search and disless, and thus stripped of "every covery as the other. The facts, the you reach. weight" we may the more successful- principles, the truths of the Bible, of ly "run with patience the race which all divine relations are actualities, veris set before us." The fires on the ities, real entities, and their existence slopes of the Pyranees destroyed the does not depend upon the discovery, vineyards, and the people mourned endorsement and acceptance of man. their loss, and trembled in their pov- They exist independent of him, and erty, but when the flames had passed would be true if he were not. Just by it was discovered that the heat had as a star-God's work-is a real exopened great fissures in the rocks, ex- istence, whether seen or unseen. Its Posing rich veins of silver and pre- existence does not depend upon man's cious metal. Even so this distructive knowledge or belief. Ruled out in criticism may consume some tradi- his calculations, still it shines, rejecttional belief, but disclose many pre- ed in his theory, still it rolls on in its cious and peerless and priceless orbit, denied a place on his chart of and rests its transcepts on the boundtruths. There is no need for alarm. of the heavens, but still it shines and This restlessness is not unusual or un- still it rolls, but some day it affects a transit, or performs an eclipse, and History shows that these waves in then its existence is known and rec-

when the chilly touch rather than the the perpetual presence. Poor dewarm embrace will torce conviction ceived creature is he, who by grace is upon the mind and heart.

was once thought to be a luminous standing upon the summit, cloud zone belting the sky and was by the blind forces of nature and by from inherent heat, were sent spin immortal as its author. ning on their circles to supply the places of those which had burned themselves into nothingness, And so the world believed and the astron omers rejoiced at their discovery, and went on building their systems-truly "castles in the air." For later dis- and Sloan, of the Baptist, and Till coveries under the sweep of telescopes which pierce the empyreal depths re | Powell, Arkadelphia M. E. Church, tion, if possible, to \$25,000. (Min. veal them as worlds, already made South. and burning, full orbed, and antedated by none of the sisterhood of satel lites. How would astronomers receive the compliment that they are firm in the faith of their fathers. Is not the Bible as truly a work of God as are the stars, and is it not legiti mately the subject of investigation? Why should the theologian be bound ing and word making have ceased, but discoveries and interpretations conarchæology and chemistry help us to interpret the word.

But some of the timid will ask, "Shall we never reach the ultimatum?" Shall that old question, "What is truth?" be ringing on the ear of time until it merges into eternity? and shall the generations be forever repeating the work of tearing down and rebuild ing? Yes, that is it, exactly. It is true of astronomy, the oldest of the nated physical sciences. It is true of geology, the latest born of the crucible and hammer. It must be true also of theology. The truths upon which the science of theology treats are as old as the granite mountains, and as firmly set, and are as bright as the stars, and as indistructible; but the discovery, elucidation and arrangement of them is yet incomplete. But you ask, how can any saving truth be reached? I answer, the sun shines and we can walk in its light, though we are continually changing our notions of its essence and manner of being. Rock can be used to build with them to a different origin, and discov-

There is enough of soul saving truth ying around loose, recognized by Christian consciousness, to build us streaming upon our path to lead us into the mansions, though the elements of the Petra and the essence of the Helios may never be properly catalogued in our theology.

But amid this confusion and progress of interpretation, possessed of such meagre, if not minimum, proportion of the truth, what shall we teach? Teach what we believe the book teaches and what we promise to teach? If our convictions undergo a and lo! the living snake again. Does change, if we are confident we have not history show that our creeds are reached new and safe ground, if our movement forward, or backward, as the case may be, is so great that our congregations cannot keep company with us, then let us step down and out. To sail between Scylla and Charibdis we have another famous example in the district school teacher. who when asked how he taught the world to be, round or flat? He replied, "Boht ways, just as the parents

Be honest; be consistent. Incarnate your doctrines. Live the lesson

sided and widely related. It is cubic as well. We do not like Mr. Henry in its nature and has the long sought James' "Louisa Pollant.", There are dencies, and the past, and everything observation, to say nothing of experiquality of matter, viz., the fourth dimension. It has length, breadth, have not room to mention. Send to to sustain their logic, but all to no heighth and depth.

unrecorded realm, and forth beyond the prophetic gaze. Who shall measure it? Poor man! who looks only at a section, and thinks he has compassed the illimitable.

In its width it covers the present unknown, if not into the unknowable. Sad indeed is the spectacle of fhe man who has surveyed but a small part of the area, and yet boasts a knowledge of the vast domain.

resting only on a projecting cliff, All science is progressive. What thinks, in his delusion, that he is the theological department, the litera-

Its depths has for its foundation on Christ as the foundation and corner called the "milky way," was after- stones the unseen and perhaps the ditional instructor became necessary. wards, under the first efforts of the undiscoverable. How foolish to claim telescope, discovered to be star dust that we have tunnelled underneath it, sprinkled on the transparent pave- when we have anly chiseled into one ment above us, and this, under the of its many caverns, left there by its nebula hypothesis, was swept in heaps maker and builder for man's delight. Such a truth has nothing to fear the Master hand of Law, was fash- from the weakness of its friends, or ioned into worlds and made all aglow the antagonisms of its foes. It is as | 13)

Meeting at Bremen.

Ed Ala. Baptist: On the 23rd ult. Bro. W. B. Carter, of Hartsell, commenced a series of services in Bremen, supported by Brethren Owens man Powell, M. E. Church, and -

justice to Bro. Carter when we say, that we never heard a series of services carried on so faithfully, devotedly the beloved brother. Bro. Carter's plain and forcible manner in expounding the Scriptures rivetted the attention of the congregations. The people ally, and fixed the term of service at of Bremen and district generally, were interested, and we think that much to Nov. 44) good has arisen from the meeting. secutive days and nights, and aldisagreeable the whole of the time, the congregations increased instead of diminished, showing the interest the people took in the meeting, and mempers and non members alike expressed their regret when the services termi-

In justice to the brethren who kindly assisted Bro. Carter, we thank them for the very valuable services they rendered the church in preaching and exhorting sinners to repentance

Taking this series of services as a whole, we know it was a grand success. Eight accessions were made to the church, and many others almost tender our sincere thanks to worthy will come again among us to encourage Christians to keep on the wall, and help sinners to get there.

Come again, Bro. Carter. J. W. ABBOTT. LITERARY NOTICES.

Gunethics; or, The Ethical Status of Woman, By Rev. W. K. Brown, A. M., D. D., President Cincinnati Wesleyan College. Author of The Scriptural Status of Woman. Price, 75 cents.

This little book is an attempt to sketch the status of woman in the field of human civilization and redemption, and thereby disclose the ethical status of the sex. He argues from Scripture, earnestly and cogentv. on the basis of his exegesis, that he woman has all the rights and immunities bestowed upon her that beong to the male, both in the church and the State. It is a strong plea for he recognition of woman as having equal inheritance, endowment and dispensation with man in matters of religion, and that she should be con ceded equal rights in every field of ife. We dissent from the author in many of the positions he takes as to take upon herself the office of a minster. The work may be read with ment. nterest and profit even by those who

Harper's Magazine for February superb number. There is no Be earnest, but humble in the con- falling off from the excellence of fidence you have in the conclusions the January number. The leading article is a sketch of Felix Buhot, Remember truth is a unit, many painter and etcher, and Frenchman, In its length it reaches back to the \$4 per year.

> The February issue of "Woman" is full of interesting material. The leading article is an interesting description of the Young Woman's Christian Association recently placed in beneficent operation in New York City. It has over 88 pages of interesting and valuable reading matter.

have promised, fulfill scrupulously.

If anything under heaven should make us weep, it would be the little-In its height it reaches beyond the ness of our love to the Lord Jesus Howard College Column. Some Chapters of History.

While efforts were being made for ry department had been progressing finely, so that the services of an ad-Rev. A. A. Connella was temporarily employed. (Min. 43, p. 9!) This progress doubtless led the Board of Trustees to suggest, as they did in their report to the Convention, the propriety of establishing a second literary professorship. (Min. 43. p. 11,

committee on education, who declared the effort inexpedient, and their opinion was sustained by the Convention. (Min. 43, p. 13, 14.) A resolution was proposed and passed, however, calling for the appointment of an agent to complete the theological endowment, and raise the subscrip-43, p. 14) A valuable set of appa-We had two sermons each day, and ratus belonging to the Marion college we think Bro. Carter preached every was obtained for the use of the instisermon but four. We can only do tution, and was subsequently bought by the board at a cost of \$2,000. (Min. 47, p. 8)

An alteration in the character of the and in such a zealous manner, as did | college was proposed, which empowered the Convention with the election of trustees, one-third of whom should go out of office and be elected bienisix years. (Min. 43, p. 13, Dec. 43

board of directors, (Min. 43, p. 7 though the weather remained wet and that body sent several agents into the field to complete the theological fund and raise the amount to \$25,000. (Min. 44, p. 4.) The raising of this fund being thus provided for, and the Convention having discountenanced the establishment of another literary professorship, the Board of Trustees was left to pursue one of two courses -either do nothing and see the institution stand still, or act on their own responsibility and furnish it with facilities for greater usefulness. They chose to adopt the latter. Consequently they re-elected Rev. J. H. DeVotie as their agent, and sent him into the field to endow the interdicted persuaded to become Christians. We literary professorship. (Min. 44, p. 16.) This well conceived and lauda-Brother Carter, and hope ere long he | ble action of the Board, the Convention at its session of 1844 had the prudence and wisdom to approve. (Min. 44, p. 4)

Domestic affairs prevented the immediate entrance of the agent upon his duties. After he did commence them he had been engaged only a short time in the prosecution, when a terrible calamity befel the college, and rendered the abandonment of the original design of his appointment

January, 1844, just as the people of Marion were about sitting down to dinner, the cry that Howard College was on fire startled them all, and sent a thrill, almost of dispair, through many hearts. It was no false alarm, and in a few minutes the college build-

J. H. DEVOTIE.

Endowment of Howard College.

The ALABAMA BAPTIST of the 26th inst. talks in a most manly and sensible manner about Howard College. It says: "We should never be satisfied until the college has an endowment of \$500,000."

The BAPTIST is right; \$500,000 is what the college needs, and must have. When the college was first the Baptist denomination are among opened it did not need a large endow-

Times have changed, and we must do not agree with the author in his adjust ourselves to present conditions, and they indicate an endowment of \$500,000 for our school.

It may be wrong to have free high

her management of the State University. Learned arguments may be if not in advance of any other class of illness of several weeks, taking her large host of sorrowing relatives and presented condemning the new tenmany very interesting articles that we else under the stars, may be appealed ence. Harper & Bro., New York. Price use; the facts are upon us, and if we not a little observation with associa- "elder sister" our hearts desire, but expect to sustain Christian schools we tions, conventions, and other religious such as she is she must endure. She must endow them, and endow them bodies, I am bold to say that minis is helpful in the household only in

> We can do it, and we will do it. million of dollars for direct endow- ing, numerically considered. There the meals, and the like, fall upon

would like to know our plan of en- by Dr. T. M. Bailey for \$200 for min- carries within her heart, and her own

are concerned, the trustees of the col- ters of the association present.

I have never had but one plan in my head to endow colleges, and that is to ask the wealthy to contribute the necessary money. They are able to do it. They owe it to God and to This report was referred to the will not, and that all such talk on my their salary because repudiated by the is mother's right bower in doing the part will prove hurtful, and will se- party promising it. cure failure. They say, you teach the poor that it is not their duty to endow colleges, and they will believe every word you say; and you tell the rich they should endow them, and they will not believe a word you say, and so

Wait 'till I fail, and then tell me this speech over again. The wealthy brethren, and friends of Christian education, ought to endow Howard Col-

lege, and I think they will do it. Now, brethren, begin to think it over, and pray it over, that you may know what your duty is.

Some of you ought to give \$25,000, some \$20,000, some \$10,000, some \$5,000, some \$1,000, and some \$500, and yet others \$100.

Endow the college, dear brethren; it will be a clasic legacy fo leave to the boys of Alabama to all genera-

Do not suppose that the Financial over the State at will.

The endowment of our college is a great duty which we owe both to God and to men; or it is nothing.

May God direct all of us in this

JNO. P. SHAFFER. "Do Preachers Give?"

Eds. Baptist: The above question heads an article which appeared in a objects thus: State Missions, Home recent issue of the Baptist, and sign- Missions, Moreign Missions, Ministeed "Deacon." I must confess that I rial Education. The least paid is ten she wants to make it appear that she was not a little surprised to see such cents a month; some pay one dollar a is occupied. This same exquisite bunan article or inquiry coming from one month; some pay monthly; some dle of humanity is given to manufactof the officials of the church whose quarterly; others by the year, that is, uring in a sly way things that are not duty it is to attend to the finances of pay all at one time. It works well, altogether true. This is embarrassing the church. Yet I believe he was sin- and the consequence is we have no to us. We talk the matter over, and cere in making the inquiry. He asks, trouble getting our missionary money. "Do they make liberal contributions The first Sunday in each month we ing this up. Every expediency has to missions, ministerial education, and take up a collection for our Baptist other benevolent objects?" says "he orphanage at Thomasville. The Sun- traits attend ner. We are laying the knows of two or three preachers who day before the children are generally trouble before our Master. In angive liberally to these interests," and, reminded by our superintendent to swer to our prayers, it will rejoice that there are many who do not give.

As to that fact we do not pretend to call it in question, and a great deal are willing to give them for that pur-A little after noon on the 10th of depends upon what he considers a pose, and we get a right good contriliberal contribution. A man may bution. make a very small contribution in the estimation of many, and yet be a liberal one in a Scriptural sense. Again, a man may make a large contribution in the eyes of the world, and still be a small one. Scripturally. A contribution that would be considered liberal by some, would not be so in the common acceptation; consequently, much depends upon the accepted definition. I suppose, however, the writer simply intends to ask, if they give to that extent that the Lord would own and bless. Well, this is all proper and right, and yet the question rather reflects upon the ministry, though not a smile or a kind word.

intentional, I suppose. Now, I take the position in this matter of inquiry, that the ministry of the most liberal, benevolent class of Christians can be produced in all the land. I do not deny but there are those of the clergy who give but little, or even none. Their religion don't ful, but in disposition, prone to selfcost them much. Indeed there is a will, obstinacy and morosenoss. very large class of professors who live her parents, are in part, responsible and die on very cheap religion. But for this turn in her make up. From ers Nov. 25, 1886, and died at her Alabama may be acting unwisely in take the Baptist clergy just as you find her babyhood, she was billious and them and they will compare favorably, languid, and at fourteen a protracted professed Christians. I speak from to the verge of the grave, relaxed pa-

BAPTIST, have indicated that they bee Association, an appeal was made influence of the Christian hope she

isterial education which was raised in keenness of perception, we see evi-Just now, my hands and heart are a few minutes. At the close of which dences of improvement, that reproof full of plans for immediate work, as the doctor remarked that two-thirds and lectures would have failed to to building, &c.; and, so far as plans of the amount was paid by the minis have accomplished. It will be a relege have the right to create plans speak of this as one of many instances to quarrel, complain and pout, and and treat me as their servant to exe- where preachers give, liberally and becomes the genuine good natured give readily.

"Do Preachers Give?" Yes. They are but few Rebeccas. give to missions, to ministerial education, and for all benevolent purposes. They give their time, talent, money, influence, energy, to the cause of nature. Like a sunbeam, the light man to do so, and I think they know | Christ, and often at the close of the from her cheery disposition radiates it and will do it. I am told that they year, country preachers give one-third

Yours in love, I. R. RYAN. From North Carolina.

Dear Baptist: I must confess I appear before you with some delicacy of the baby come in for their share of feeling, after reading in the last BAP-TIST the high compliment paid me by maker in their little disputes: she is the "broken down old Doctor," as he surgeon in their bruises, scratches and terms himself. He thinks he knew bumps; and consoler in their trials. me well, which he did. I was a warm friend and sympathizer of his brother Frank, who, I regretted to learn, has joined his father and mother and sister, with many more of my acquaint- ones watched by this faithful assistant ances and friends of iong ago. The of the care-worn mother. This kind Doctor says he and others are anxious to know who "Mamie" is, so I have her tastes. To sit and sew, and crowritten him a long letter for his own satisfaction and pleasure, hoping he may remember me as well as I do him. I was glad to know that the companions she is the soul of wit. The subject of agencies having been tions. Write to me about it. Tell mantle of his father fell on his baby Still she is not exempt from bad traits. The services continued for nine con referred by the Convention to the me how much you will give. Tell me boy, B. H. Crumpton, for I believe Altogether she is not as respectful as tho to correspond with. Write hun- he is doing a great work for the Bap dreds of letters to your friends; help- tists of Alabama, which I am glad to ing them to get ready to do the right see, also the great interest he takes in the missionary cause; it is a great and school pupil she has not yet given her grand work. I pray the Lord to bless heart to God. Our prayer is that she Secretary of the college can be all and prosper his work wherever his lot may ere long come out on the Lord's may be cast.

> Let me tell you something of our plan of missionary work in our little daughter, a little miss of twelve sumchurch. Our town is divided into four wards, and three sisters are elected by by their right name, so we unhesitathe church annually to wait on each tingly pronounce this one lazy. She Baptist that live in these wards. The is proud, and is fond of dress and adsisters are each given a book, with miration. In her chicanery she conthe names of all, and each month set trives to keep out of the rough work. down and headed with the different The baby sister, Martha, receives remember the orphans and bring their our hearts to see her become a Chrispennies, or as much as their parents tian.

you a happy New Year, and all of your readers. May we all come forward the heginning of this year with alacrity, and makes rapid progress in renewed energy, to do more in the her studies in school. Just what she future than we have ever done in the and the fifth one, Martha, the baby. past for the precious cause of Jesus, will develop into we have not yet defor if we would be happy here in this termined. We are guarding against world, and especially in that which is the mistake made with our first-that sure to come to us all, "let us work of indulgence, and by so doing hope while it is called day, for the night to keep in subjection the objectionacometh when no man can work." It | ble traits of self-will and perverseness. was never intended for all to be May our earnest prayers for our girls preachers and teachers, but we can be answered in time to make them all do something, if it is nothing but pure and noble women.

Yours with Christian love. Kinston, N. C.

Our Girls.

Rebecca, our first born, will soon attained her eighteenth birth day. She is in form symmetrical and grace-With 34 years of pastoral life, and urally bad traits. She is not the ters of the gospel in churches and that way that suits her fancy. Neeother Christian associations are large. dle work, sewing and the like delight Howard College must have half a ly in the majority in the way of giv- her; but milking the cow, preparing are other noble hearted brethren and her patient mother and Rachel, the The BAPTIST presents a plan by sisters from all directions who come next elder daughter. Rebecca, it which the college may secure an en- boldly to the front and give as the must not be inferred, is entirely destidowment of \$102,500 within the next Lord has prospered them. Generally, tute of noble qualities As she mixes Promise cautiously; but when you five years. The plan is a good one. all things considered, the largest con- with the world she is benefitted by Nothing unreasonable about it, and tributions come from the clergy. No seeing her faults sometimes repronothing to object to, as we ordinarily rule, however, without an exception. duced in her companions and friends. I remember some ten years since, It is then that she sees herself as oth-Various brethren, as well as the while attending a session of the Big- ers see her. Through the combined

I lief to the household when she ceases soul we hope to see. We trust there Rachel is two years younger than

her sister Rebecca. She is the em-

bodiment of good health and good

from center to circumference. She work. Boss is soothed by her merry song as the streams of rich milk fill the pail; the churn dasher keeps time to her dairy-maid rhymes, and the batter spoon to her cheerful humming. The younger children and her goodness of heart. She is peacemother goes to the market town or to town for purchases, Rachel is installed mistress of the household. The work is to go on and the wee little of employment is in harmony with chet, and knit and do fancy work would do violence to her effervesing spirits. At school and among her she should be towards us as her parents, and to her seniors everywhere. While a faithful Sunday-

Esther is the name of our third mers. We believe in calling things many a caress, not genuine, because in times of chores and extra duties suggest the surest methods of breakso far failed. In school these same

Elizabeth is the fourth daughter, now in her ninth year. Since she attained her first year she has reminded Now, dear Baptist, let me wish us of a squirrel in movements and actions. Light, fragile, nervous, bright, quick, enjoys play and sports with

> MOTHER AND FATHER. In Memory

Of Ida M. eldest daughter of Nancy B. and A. J. Woolley. She was 21 years, 6 months, and 13 days of age. She joined the Antioch Baptist church near her home at the period of thirteen, of which she was a member at the time of her death. She was bap-We, lized by Rev. J. M. Langston. She was united in marriage to W. G. Selltather's residence, near Randolph, Bibb county, Ala., Nov. 1887. Thus her short life has ended, leaving a many friends and school mates who will sadly miss her. We would say to the bereaved husband and afflicted mother, grieve not for dear Ida, God's ways are wise; we should not rebel.

Precious Ida, God hath called thee, To his home in heaven above, And our aching nearts are yearning For we miss our dear one's love, Yet we know that thou art happy With thy loved ones gone before, Singing with them praise to Jesus

Ah! dear one, thy angel spirit, Ever still is with us now, Softl" speaking, gently guiding, While beneath the cross we bow Bidding us to look to Jesus He will wipe our tears away, Change our sorrow into gladness,

Serving him forever more.

Darling Ida, ere the sun rose, Thou wert stilled, in slumber cold,

Turn the night into day.

With thy little babe reclining, With thy tender arms entwining Sweetly on thy bosom sleeping, Thus thou left us sadly weeping. JOS. SHACKELFORD, D.D., | Editors.

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church, Montgomery, is on a regular is justly happy.

BIRMINGHAM, Mobile and Selma would either be glad to take steps to make it to the advantage of the ALA BAN'A BAPTIST to move its headquarters into their midst. They judge by the patronage received that Montgomery does not appreciate its presence in her city.

Bro. Lvon's "Reminiscences, No. II," beginning: "My father removed adjoining district of Barlington, where, &c., should have had the joining district of Darlington," &c.

GO THOU AND DO LIKEWISE.

A letter from "a Baptist, Fackler, Ala.," says: "Noticing a call by Bro. Wharton in your paper for the young which you will please turn over to pers is doing missionary work. him for that purpose.'

Let every one who reads the above send a contribution at once to the Ministerial Board. It is badly needed, and no cause was ever more deserving.

PREACHERS are sometimes very easily carried away from their life vants with a desire to better know work by very simple things. Some each other, and be more aid to one years since we knew men who almost another. The President stated the went crazy about the grange; quit object of the meeting, and then called preaching and spent their time in or- on Bro. Lofton to lead off in the disganizing and working with this order; cussion of "scriptural organism, ordinow several of our good brethren nance and office." It would be worse have gone wild over the Farmers' Al | than folly to attempt a synopsis of his liakce. There is nothing we have to lecture, for those who know him say against the Grange or Alliance, know that every sermon and lecture but men who claim to be called of is full of meat. In regard to the God to preach the gospel would do meeting of the council which met at well to beware how they neglect their | Jerusalem, he said that when they met work for any outside issue.

WHEREVER we have net them the officers of the L. & N. railroad have proven themselves to be pleasant and accomplished gentlemen, and many of them are active Christians. The third vice president, Mr. E. B. Stahl man, of Nashville, is a member of the Methodist church, so is Mr. E P. Atmore, G. P. A., of Louisville. With both of these gentlement we have had business correspondence, and always found them prompt and courteous. Mr. Theo, Welch, of Montgomery, G. F. A., is a member of the first Baptist church of this city, and takes deep interest in all the concerns of the church. Knowing him personally we have seen much in him to admire, both as to his business and Christian life, he never allows his office opened on Sunday, neither will he read his business letters which come in on that day. While in Mobile two weeks since we visited the appoint so many committees as to L. & N. offices, and met Mr. H. G. Barkley, who has charge of the business in that city. His attentions were highly appreciated, and we only regretted our inability to visit his home. He, too, is a consistent member of the Baptist church,

tion should send for extra copies of now have more collecting to do than this weeks paper, and circulate among distributing their people.

FIRST CHURCH, MONTGOMERY.

The prosperity of this church is a natter of great gratification to its friends. Hardly a Sunday passes without the reception of members. Four or five now await baptism. The congregations tax the utmost capacities of the building for the regular services and the Sunday-school rendering an addition to the church necessary. Four rooms, at a cost of \$1,300, are now being added, and it is suggested that the gallery seats, which accommodate several hundred, shall be cushioned and let out to pew

of \$3,000 without a day's delay, and contributes about \$2,000 annually be

The ALABAMA BAPTIST is glad to chronicle the evidences of prosperity among the churches.

Dr. Wharton expects to have his brother with him in about a week.

THE FARMERS' CONVENTION.

Accepting the kind invitation of Col. Randall Berry we ran over to Selma to mingle for a couple of days with the "sturdy sons of, toil." It was remarkable to see how many candidates were also visiting the same place. Capt. Ino. Burns assigned Bro. Lynch and ourself to the home of Capt. Lanford, and we never visit-We are not responsible for the return of ed a more pleasant family, if we had been congressmen our treatment would not have been better.

Prof. Newman called the body to-

gether and Dr. Frost led in prayer. Mayor Mass delivered the address of By the way, Bro. Henderson has dewelcome in behalf of the citizens of cided to enter the ministry. Selma, and Capt. H. C. Graham, in the name of the farmers of Dallas county, bade the delegates make themselves at home. To these ad dresses Hon. C. C. Shorter, of Eu. finger for a Baptist without Baptist able manner. During the session cause of Christ is praiseworthy. there were many sensible speeches made and papers read. Commissioner Kolb was present, and showed Lofton differed from the president, Lupton, of Auburn, added great in- called. He believed it was as possi-THE Sunday-school of the First terest by their addresses. From the ble to have a sanctified hog as to general interest manifested we are boom, and Superintendent Davidson sure our farmers are waking up to a' nounced the custom of some churches better idea of who they are, what they are, and what they might and can, and, by the help of God, will be.

TALLADEGA AND THE MINIS-TERS' MEETING.

a few of the appointees.

Jesus, and love everybody and everything that tends to spread his cause, and they have always read the ALAeditor. Bro. Kyser believes every ministers, I enclo e you ten dollars, one who helps circulate religious pa-

THE MINISTERS' MEETING

was called to order at 2:30 p. m. Fri day by Bro. G. A. Lofton and Eld. W. Wilkes was elected president and Eld. Lelis Law clerk; Rev. Catt Smith led the prayer for God's blessing on the coming together of his serand, under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, decided some points in theology, they adjourned sine die. We have no right to call councils to decide what we shall believe. Many other religious bodies believe as we do on many points of grace and doctrine, none but Baptists hold firmly to a regenerated church membership. Speaking of the Lord's supper he said God ve have no right to take it out for people who reluse to come in. He had no right to take that ordinance to a sick person, unless such an one be surrounded by the church. The two ordinances are two monuments left by Christ-Baptism represents suffering, death and resurrection; supper, the death, resurrection and ascensions. He urged the importance of a pastor to each church. The preachers and deacons combined represent the spiritual arms of the church. Thinks we now really have no deacons, churches

leave no work for deacons. Bro. Catt Smith said he believed the demand for deacons was produced by the powerful preaching of the

We failed to hear Bro. Lane's dis- those who honor him.

cussion of "Promises of the mission field," but heard him say something like this: The promising condition of our fields can be better measured by what we are doing at home. There it is. God has promised to blessus when we honor him; he has promised to give to Christ the heathen, and if we put forth proper effort at home to send men abroad, the fields are white unto the harvest.

DR. NUNNALLY'S SERMON

of Friday night was the "town talk" so long as we lingered about the city. He took no text, but arguing from the houses, "more or less," make up the This church pays its pastor's salary one of the most masterly convincing Trammel, took us to his pleasant sermons to which we have ever listened. If God is our Father, then is two lovely daughters. Under his the entire Bible true.

that he had been drawn nearer God. many undiscovered truths. He bethat truth may be made more manifest. No church can practice open communion for twenty-five years and not

corners" was discussed by Bro. Thos. Henderson. This is to be published.

Dr. W. Wilkes discussed "Pride and ambition as motives to Christian zeal." He was proud he was a Bapsist, would not give the flip of his faula, replied in a most eloquent and pride. Pride and ambition in the

After the opening of all discussions any one was allowed to speak. Bro. great familiarity with agricultural top- not so much as to facts, as to names ics. Profs. Smith, of Tuscaloosa, and by which principles or emotions are have a sanctified ambition. He deand preachers in urging strangers to join their church because it was the richest, most fashionable, &c.

Saturday night Eld. Wilkes preached on some of the offices of Christ.

After this sermon the pastor allowed The ministers' meeting of the Coosa your correspondent to address his River Association was a decided suc. people in behalf of the BAPTIST. Then cess, notwithstanding the absence of a warm speech was made by said pastor urging that every home should ERRATUM. - The first sentence of Ten years ago we visited Talladega read the paper. Sunday morning we and have ever since desired to repeat enjoyed meeting with the Sundayour visit to that beautiful and hospita school. Col. J. W. Bishop is the effrom Sumter District, S. C., to the ble city. So this first opportunity ficient superintendent, and he has a was embraced, and we found our good band of teachers. The pastor selves Friday, the 27th ult., the guest always smiles upon this school, and words, "to Society Hill, in the ad- of Bro. Samuel Kyser and his kind makes teachers and pupils believe family. They are great lovers of they have his warmest interest. Breth. Lane and Catt Smith filled the Bap tist pulpit morning and night.

> Splendid music and attentive ushers BAMA BAPTIST, no matter who was the add to the pleasure of attending preaching at the Talladega church. Bro. G. A. Joiner is the manager of the choir takes a deeps interest in selecting good music for the worship. It was our pleasure to visit his home and mingle with his family, and are indebted to him for many kindnesses, among which were a visit, under his guidance, to the Deaf, Dumb and Blind Asylum, and to the city school. Surely Dr. Johnson is a philanthropist. He has every comfort and convenience necessary to the health and happiness of those under his care. It is remarkable how clean everything appears. Water is conveyed into all the buildings. The boys and girls seem happy. A handsome home for the blind is being erected a few hundred yards from the present location, which will permit the separation of the deaf and the blind, and make room for a greater number of both classes of the unfortunate. Monday morning a visit to the

PUBLIC SCHOOL

was made in company with Bro. Joiner and two other members of the school board. This house is a beautiful two story brick building, crowning a lovely hill on the west side of the E. T. V., & G. railroad. Prof. Geo. E. Brewer is superintendent, had placed his table in his house, and and each room is presided over by a competent teacher. Hot air pipes run through each building, and this gives comfort without the soot of a stove. Talladegians are justly proud of their school, and well they may be.

> Without doing half justice to the place or the people our notes have grown too long. Suffice it to say that everybody who goes to Talladega next July to the Convention will have a good time. Churches must see that there pastors go. Now, in behalf of the ALABAMA BAPTIST, we thank everybody for their kind treatment of its representative, and, confidentially, we say to our readers that the paper has a stronger hold in North Alabama than it had prior to our visit.

Bishop Lane is an unterrified proapostles, and suggested that their hibitionist; has preached and worked work was to distribute what the liber- until he has seen the saloon driven out ality of the people made them give, of Calhoun county. And God has Pastors in the Coosa River Associa- but it really seems that our deacons permitted him to baptize three of the men who were once vendors of the

BAYMINETTE AND MOBILE.

Some years ago Dr. Trammel invited this scribe to visit his home amid the pines at Bayminette, but the occasion never presented itself until on our recent southward journey. Leaving Brewton, the iron horse on the L. & N. railroad carried us swiftand gently through pine groves, by saw mills, turpentine distilleries and small villages until within twenty five miles of Mobile we alighted. Four stores, two churches, a telegraph and express station, with a hundred "Fatherhood" of God, he preached town. Our friend and brother, Dr. home, which is presided over by his guidance we made the acquaintance Saturday the brethren decided to of several of the citizens of the place. inviting deacons as well as ministers | tend to the cultivation of several acres Dr. Nunnally read his address on of land. His stock of cattle and 'The new theology," which is pub- horses is increasing every year, and lished in this issue. Bro. Law ex- from them he receives much valuable pressed the sentiments of all when he | manure for the improvement of his said he felt, after hearing his address, land. A few more intelligent farmers like himself scattered throughout Bro. Lofton believes that around all south Alabama would soon bring into gracious doctrine cluster, as yet, notice these pine lands as a fine farming country. He often receives more lieves that God allows error to exist than \$30 yield from a single acre. Lands are very cheap in this part of the South, and well adapted to fruit and vegetable culture.

If any of our readers desires homes The morality of booms, futures and in the pine lands this writer will be glad to lend them his assistance.

STOCKTON,

ten miles northwest of Bayminette was appointed as the meeting place for the physicians, and in company with Dr. T. we visited this town. It is situated on the Tensas river, in a most lovely section. Across the river, toward Mobile, dense forests and swamps of cane and wild vines present a solid wall, toward the south and southeast, north and northeast the music of the pines is forever heard. We have no Baptist church at this place, found only two Baptists. Mrs. Mareschal and her husband's sister, the former of whom has been | gie Lee, both of Furman, were united | ful doom. firm in the faith for many years, though, since her marriage, deprived by Rev. Dr. J. H. Purifoy. This is how? Shall we make the effort, it so, of the opportunity of reaching, con- indeed a fitting marriage. The bride veniently, a Baptist church. She will and groom are noble characters, and henceforth be an appreciative reader we wish for them all happiness possiof this paper.

Sam Jones is the beloved pastor of this church and he will send us some subscribers as well as tell other things

MOBILE.

Three days were spent in the Gulf City, during which time we formed the acquaintance of the pastors, and many of the leading members of St. Francis and Palmetto churches. Sab. bath night Bro. Taylor preached on the character of Moses. He is delivering a series of sermons Sunday nights on Bible characters. His congregations are large and his membership active; among the number are many of the leading lawyers, bankers and professional men of the city. His motto seems to be "a work for each member and each member to his work."

Two of his members, T. G. Bush and D. P. Bestor, were on a committee to visit Washington to memorialize Congress to make an appropriation

Bro. J. B. Hamberlin is improving in health since having the diseased eye ball removed. He is now able to do more work for Palmetto Street church than for the past six months. one family, and that was Judge Aus- copies of these addresses. til's of Spring Hill. His wife was Miss Ora Ervin, of Witcox county, daughter of our father's great friend, Dr. R. H. Ervin. They have a pleasant home, and we shall gladly repeat our visit at some other day.

Lectures at Howard College.

The Board of Ministerial Education wishing to resume the couse of lectures before the Ministerial Students of Howard College, has selected the following brethren as lecturers for the dates stated. These instructions must be regarded as a voluntary contribution to our young brethren. The Board already taxed beyond its means, is not able to pay expenses. Rev. W. L. Picard, Rev. B. H. Crumpton, J. P. Shaffer, D.D., Hon. T, G. Bush, Hon. J. Haralson,

If any of the appointees cannot accept, they will please notify me at M. B. WHARTON, Pres. The junior returns thanks to Mr.

Baptist ought to read this paper.

Bro. Skipper is moving on very well with his work at Wetumpka.

FIELD NOTES.

Dr. Chambliss begins his pastorate with Furman church next Sabbath. reached and lectured in fair Flor- a. m. Don't you need a good teacher, bookkeeper, or salesman? Let us The people of Union Springs, by ten to one, have decided that they will keep prohibition. Col. J. M. Dedman, for many years proprietor of the St. James Hotel, at

Selma, died at Shelby Springs. It is said that every Universalist in Alabama is a patron of the denominational paper, but therre are many hold another meeting in Jacksonville, Bro. Trammel is a physician with a Baptists of whom the same cannot be embracing the fifth Sabbath in April, large practice, yet he finds time to at- said. Rev. H. M. Wharton, of Baltimore, will be with his brother, Dr. M. B. Wharton, in a meeting beginning next

> man into our State. The pastor of Fayetteville church, C. W. O'Hara, was mado to realize the appreciation of his people by their clothes. A noble people.

Parties who visit Mrs. Ivey's boarding house, corner of Perry and Jeffer son streets, always express themselves as perfectly delighted with accommodations given, and we are glad to see that her patronage is increasing.

Sisters Mattie Ellis and Munerlyn were hard at work in Selma last week raising funds to build a Baptist church at Orrville. They have about \$800 in hand. Miss Mattie Ellis is now visiting her Uncle, Geo. W. Ellis and his sisters, of this city.

Deacon T. W. B. Lynch, of La-Place has a level head. He thinks there are some pastors who fail to advocate missions and to get their people to read religious newspapers because they fear their salary will be diminished by just so much.

Dr. R. D. Palmer and Miss Magin marriage on the night of Jan. 26th ble for mortals.

Sabbath-school exercises were at- The fifth Sunday meeting of the churches in the winter, in a muddy tended at Bayminette. Bro. Camp- Shelby Association, which met at country, is not the most encouraging bell is night operator at the telegraph Summer Hill, was well attended. The work a pastor has to do. Plans of station, yet he never goes to sleep subjects were discussed with much in- work are often rained out or frezen until he meets the school and carries terest, and it is to be hoped to great out, and when spring opens and the them through their lesson. He is a profit. The effect seemed to be to roads dry enough to get the flocks to studious officer, and prepares a black- unify, secure concert of action and gether, they are about as near fruitless board exercise for each day. Bro. advance the mission work, for which as the vegetation around them.

One night last week we had the pleas. encouraging takes place. Such was boarding house of the Misses Eilis, on meeting. Having determined to as-Washington Street. They have had sist the "Sunbeams" in their effort for splendid success from the first open. the Foreign Board, though there is ing of their home. Now their rooms no organization of the society in the are occupied by most excellent ladies Sunday-school, the programme was and gentlemen, who seem more like delayed in being received in time for a happy family than boarders.

Bro. A. T. Fuller writes that Rev. Jos. A. Wynne, of Clayton, has received a call to serve the Gadaden church for an indefinite length of time at a salary of \$1,000 per annum and a pastors home. Bro, Wynne was formerly of Troup county, Georgia, and is highly recommanded by such men as Drs. McDonald, Harris and

Selma, speak to the public this week, hear them, try them, and be convinced that they are young men of enfor deepening the channel of Mobile terprise, who will not be undersold. They are both young men who are throwing life into their business. Since beginning this work thirteen months ago they have quadrupled their stock.

Bro. Coulson writes that Bro. J. He is also interested in building a ing in Scottsboro and Paint Rock. church at Citronelle. Palmetto street | Several of the local ministers heard

> On last Sunday morning, at the Adams Street Baptist church, Bro. Maj. J. G. Harris delivered a lecture on Abraham, the father of the Jewisl Nation, which deserves more than passing notice, for it was very fine. Bro. Harris is always ready for every good word and work, and no doubt will be glad, at any time, to give these lectures whenever called on to do so, for the sake of what good they pastorless, or was a few days since. must take up his cross. What sub-

The Alabama Christian Advocate is calling upon every Methodist preacher in the State to circulate the Advocate among his members. The editor takes the true position when he says those who read will be better posted, hence will do more for Christ. Shall we not expect as much interest taken by our Baptist preachers in the circulation of their paper? Let us all together work, and God will smile upon

Tom Ellis, editor of the Birmingham Hornet, was shot Saturday night by Sullivan, a detective. Ellis has Harry McCall of the Shelby Sentinel vile stuff. God delights to honor for kind words. He thinks every led a very dissolute and wicked life, utterly void of fear, toward God, or ing without taking aim.

natural result of such a life. Well has it been said, that "had his talents been turned in a channel for good, he might have attained an eminent posi-

tion among the great and good of the Dr. J. B. Hawthorne has recently land." He died Tuesday, 9th, at 3

Work for the State Mission Board.

The ministers of Anniston appoint ed Dr. Nunnally to draw up a paper to submit to a called meeting of reprecentatives from the different church es. It is estimated that 5 000 of the adult population of Anniston are non-

If that is true of Annistan, what of Birmingham, Sheffield and Decaturi and what of our older cities, Mont gomery, Mobile, Solma and Tusca loosa? Think of associations in Ala bama which practically have no des titution in their bounds refusing to allow any of their funds to go to bely save the people in our wicked centres. Dr. Nunnally closes his paper with Sabbath. We welcome so Godly a the following elequent words:

Our purpose is to be a "Mode

City"-without a rival in the spiritua sphere as well as without a peer in our secular concerns. Here are over presenting him with a nice suit of five thousand immortals-unsaved and unreached by the gospel, drift ing, drifting, on the sea, rudder less and unguided, no star above by which to steer and no rock beneath on which to ancher. Five thousand, mostly crowded in boarding houses with no mother's eye to win by weep ing, and no father's tongues to direct by words of caution. Five thousand souls! young people in the main, in that critical period of life when char acter is being formed and crystalized and the trend of life is being fixed in its course, to a destiny of shame or honor. Five thousand intelligent respectable human beings, citizens of our community adding to our wealth of weal or woe, tenants of a city for a day, but candidates for eternity, and heirs of immortality, neglecting their religious privileges, ignoring the claims of a merciful Creator, careless ly and recklessly pushing on to a fear

Can we avert the danger? if so,

From Southeast Alabama.

Monthly preaching to country

ure of spending an evening at the the case with Oswichee at her last Christmas, so the second Sunday in January, the regular time of meeting. was substituted. But little time was had for preparation; yet the songs, recitations, dialogues, &c., were well rendered. The collection for the Board amounted to \$17.12. This was from a church and Sunday school quite small in numbers, and not half the members present on the occasion. Neither does the membership possess much property. The contribution Butler & Gatchell, booksellers, of would perhaps exceed fifty ceats per contributor. If all our churches contributed to our benevolent enterprises in proportion to numbers and ability as Oswichee does, cries would seldom and broken fragments, as it were; be heard from the Boards for help.

rained out of any effort, and Seale is Christians if the discipleship will not nearly as bad off. Summer Hill, just interfere in the slightest degree with over in Georgia has had a little better anything else that they wish to be or Gunn did several days efficient preach- showing than the last two, but not do. In fact, their sole purpose seems much more so.

has a large Sabbath-school, presided him with profit. Of course every one S. W. Harris, of Crawford, Ala., was of heaven with the other. They do over by deacon George Pearce, a is pleased with the preacher and anx- ordained to the full work of the gos- not seem to care for any stars in their strong, yet gentle character, whose ious for him to return. Bro. C. has pel ministry by a presbytery consist- crown, for any sheaves in the garner. highest ambition seems to be to pro- read Dr. Lofton's lectures on "At- ing of Eld. Geo. E. Brewer, chair- "A starless and a third rate harp in mote the cause of Christ. We were lanta" and "Bar-rooms," and believes man, J. L. Revel, J. W. Howard, heaven," they seem to say, "are good too busy to visit socially more than every family in the land should have and H. W. Garlington. There was a enough for me if I can only keep fine congregation, the services were from getting shut out forever." Such impressive, and a manifestation of the service is little better than no service. dained promises to be useful. He sidered a service at all. It we read pondence with reference to work solicited. takes the care of Crawford church and our Lord's lite correctly, he would Hatchechubbee, together with one or not have allowed such people to count two others. This pretty nearly sup- themselve among his disciples. If plies those made vacant by the re- there was one thing about which he any other musical instrment, for all of which moval of Bro. Benton. Bro. Joe was emphatic, it was that if any one Hunter serves Brownsville two Sun- would follow him, he must leave all. days. Girard and Glennville are still If any one would be his disciples he

other preacher or two of the right young man, as he appeared to be, to a peerless book, which has held the lead for kind. I do not want Bro. Crumpton turn away the rich young ruler from to interfere with Bro. A. S. Smith his standard when his cause seemed after the commencement at the How- to be in such desperate need of influ- Children's Diadem [30 cts., \$3 per ard, for I need him down here, and ence and wealth, simply because he must have him. He may send him lacked one thing-because he would here if he wishes, but no where else. not give up all for Christ! His deflourish this year as never before, I He ask our all and our best or noth-Fraternally yours,

Jernigan, Ala.

Profanity is a disgusting sin. It loud advertisement of coarseness

Few are wise enough to prefer whole-Speaking without thinking is shootsome blame to treacherous praise.

regard for man. His end is only the Eld. A. R. Scarborough-Our Part- Receipts of the State Mission

Ah! sad indeed did I feel last September, at the close of the Bigbee Association, when I grasped the hand, for the last time on earth, I felt, of Eld. A. R. Scarborough and bade him farewell! How heavily it bore upon my mind in after days, that our next meeting would be "beyond the river!" And it may be yet true. But was made to rejoice last week when read from the Baptist that God, in his mercy, had very greatly restored his health, and that he would very soon be in the field, battling for his Savior. I felt then that others had Mt. Gilead church been praying for Bro. Scarborough as well as myself, and that God had heard and answered the same in his partial restoration. On the floor of hat session of the Bigbee Association stood our venerable brother, with one ther, who were the only surviving constituent members of the body, except Bro. I. C. Brown who "left us, much to our regret, and while his voice was feeble, his frame trembling, his tongue refused to give utterance to his warm heart, yet the expression of the eye, the indications of his countenance all spake forth the one grand idea and wish of his soul which was, 'work for Jesus." In anti bellum days he was a promi-

nent member of the body, always filling his seat, and for five consecutive years presided as her moderator. During the long years of bloodshed and grief and sorrow, Bro. S. was still at his post, as pastor, parent, friend, counsellor, and physician. He was, at home, in the church, in the sick room, by the side of the widow and orphan; on the battlefield, or in the hospital; a friend and symprthizer to suffering humanity, ready to administer the much needed balm of comfort And when the crisis came-and came it did-with the Bigbee Association, that venerable Christian hero was always present with his prayers and good counsel, and to day that grand old body is indebted to the indefatiga- | Eufaula Association, igable labors of Bro. Scarborough and one or two others, for the position she occupies. All these truths clustering around my memory at the time of our parting, together with the fact that we had labored so often together at his church, at my church, and at other churches, and that God had so abundantly blessed our labors, and that our days of laboring had about ended on earth to be renewed in eternity, how could I feel otherwise than sad? But the news so recently received cheers our hearts, and bids us look forward to the time when, God in his goodness, shall permit us to mingle our prayers, preaching and la- Boys Sunbeam Soc., Siloam ch, . . \$ 10 00 bors of love of every kind as we once did. I specially solicit the prayers of the Bigbee Association, together with all Christians interested, in his behalf; that his life of usefulness may yet be

spared to him and his brethren. I loved him on first acquaintance, thirty seven years ago, and that love Bible and Colportage Work, . . has been strengthened upon a more intimate acquaintance, and no power on earth is able to sever it.

I ask pardon for being so personal, yet I could not do otherwise and not do violence to my feelings, actuated as I am by principles of love and sympathy, and tenderness. The God of love be with him and us

J. K. RYAN. Ingleside, Ala.

Giving the Best.

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count of the mystical meaning of baptism, the rite of immersion ought to have been retained in the Christian church."-J. G Rosenmueller, 1829. One Fact

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der the water representing our death, and elevation out of it, our resurrection or re dies were going to feed them at the generation."-Bishop Fell, 1702. Yesterday and To-morrow.

What yesterday was and to-morrow will be? To-day. You should go to-day and buy a bottle of Taylor's Cherokee Remedy of Sweet Gum and Mullien, for cour child may have croup to night. To-morrow will

"It was the practice of the ancient church not to sprinkle the candidate with water, but to sink his whole organism into the fluid element."-W. Bohmer, 1835.

Ely's Cream Balm. Two bottles did the sented at the meeting, and we thereand one place was eaten through. I got work. My nose and head is well. I feel like fore adjourned with nothing definite another man.-C. S. Millen, Sibley, Jackson

"There is one institution of our renovation by immersion of water and the pronun- to appoint the next meeting (fifth Sun- orable. ciation of a solemn formula."-Calixt, as quoted by F. K. Meier, 1834.

Addition Making Shorter. What word is that to which if you add a hold the next meeting with Chewacla, syllable it will - ake it shorter? Short. Tay-

"It is easily seen that an abundance of

water was requisite for the baptism administered to the great multitude by immersion." -F. A. Lampe, 1725. Except Raise the Dead.

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Charles Buckley, 1802. A Sigher.

Why is a lover like his father? Because he is a sigher (sire.) The sire of that child who suffers so from croup will often sigh for something to cure it. Tell him of Taylor's Chero-kee Remedy of Sweet Gum and Mullein.

manner baptism was at least generally ad-ministered, representing death unto sin."— John Priestly, 1804.

"What is heaven's best gift to man?" she tion, namely: That in addition to the has only taken his own." aaked, sweetly smiling on him, "Dr. Bull's fifth Sunday meeting we also have, He had just been cured by it of a bad cold. now and then, at the regular meeting has never occurred within the knowlhas preserved immersion-makes the language of Paul obscure."-B. Crusius, by E. S. Kimmel, 1884.

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of plants, second to immersion in baptism as in Rom. vi. "... Principal J. C. Edwards, 1885. stated; invite the preachers who may

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ren had also known how well the la-

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subject to the call, or appointment, of

before us but the expectation that

day in April) to be held with it. My

opinion is that it would be better to

Pleasant Hill, S ciety Hill, or some

day meeting, with the object above

all do their best to make the regular

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this, let us adopt it; but we have not

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"Baptism in which the immersion typifies secures and advertises them, then, in the opinion of the bigoted, all virtue went out of them." Is not this absurd? lways be used for children teething. It oothes the child, softens the gums, allays because public attention was called to but they immersed in water those who were than the code size, though he may Please inform your readers that I have a positive remedy for the above named disease. have practiced medicine and been a ses have been permanently cured. I shall be glad to send two bottles of my remedy FREE sume to advertise and decline to give tion, if they will send me their Express and his discovery to the public, he would be pronounced a quack and a humbug, although he may have spent his "Baptizo is the prevalent expression for in perfecting his investigations.

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felt that the meeting was a good one. ment, yet we believe that it expresses and prayers. We discussed the duties of laymen in the true standing of the medical pro-(according to the ancient custom,) and, as it regard to our denominational enter- fession in regard to remedies discovwere, into the purifying Christ, we are also plunged into his death."—Beneke, 1854. prises, and the duty of the female of the most perplexing things of the pure memory still and in our hearts. of the most perplexing things of the pure memory still, and in our hearts members of the churches; and we day is the popularity of certain reme he yet lives. Is an important matter as regards their talked about missions and Sunday- dies, especially Warner's safe cure, Therefore, resolved, by Mt. Zion schools. Some practical steps were which we find for sale everywhere. tect them elves, but if they contract a cough | taken in the right direction, and it is | The physician of the highest standing is ready to concede its merits and sustain the theories the proprietors bave 1st. That in the death of our deamade, which, if zealously and judimade—that is, that it benefits in most | con, Joseph R. Vann, we have lost cises Beza cruelly for saying that baptizo ciously followed up, will result in of the ailments, of the human system does not mean plunge, and appeals to the Stephens and Casaubons."-Beausobre, 1742. in its old position in the front rank news in proper condition, thereby aidin its old position in the front rank. neys in proper condition, thereby aiding in throwing off the impurities of to his church. There ought to have been at Elam a the blood, while others with less honesty and experience deride, and are churches, and there might have been, willing to see their patient die scienentifically, and according to the code, rather than have him cured by this nounced in the paper, and the breth-

great remedy. . Yet we notice that the popularity of the medicine continues to grow year church and at their homes. But then by pear. The discoverer comes boldit may be truly hinted that a want of ly before the people with its merlts, and proclaims them from door to interest was a potent reason for the orably than the physician who, perhope that the same reason may not chance, may secure a patent from A. W. BEVERLY, R. J. ORR, some catastrophe, and is permitted to R. L. BAKER, and the PASTOR. The meeting at Elim adjourned, set a bone of an arm or a finger, which he does with great dignity, yet very soon after takes the liberty to climb the committee on associational work, the editor's back stairs at 2 o'clock in Thave had nasal catarrh for ten years so appointed by act of the last associa- the morning to have it announced in Presented to Mrs. Dudley upon the bad that there were great sores in my nose, tion. This committee was not repre the morning poper that "Dr So and death of her husband. J. H. Dudley, so was in attendance," thus 'securing who nobly sacrificed his life (Collifor his benefit a beautiful and free ad-

We shall leave it to our readers to of truth and justice. some church will invite the committee say which is the wiser and more hon

Obituary.

Mrs. Maggie E. Miller, net Miss Maggie E. Watts, was born in Wilcox Mullein will shorten your cold and cure other church within reach of the peo- county, Ala, November 19th, 1862, ple at Elam, so that the good work and died of yellow chills at her home done with them may be made more in Marengo county on the night of effectual, while at the same time oth- the 13th of October, 1887. Sister M. ers may be touched with holy fire. professed religion, and united with Of course brethren may differ with the Bear Creek church at about fourme. But the meeting must be held teen years of age. She was married dial will do most anything except raise the with the church that invites it. So, to Bro. Chas. M. Miller, of this counbrethren, speak out. Write to G. A. ty, on the second of February, 1886. Hornady at Tuskegee, and tell him Only a little more than one short you want the meeting to convene at year did she remain to gladden his

your church on Saturday before the heart and cheer his life. fifth Sunday in April. Let us make How cruel is death! It sunders sathe best possible use of the fifth Sun- cred ties; crushes fond hopes, and days. Our churches and our associa- often seizes and bears away to a pretion are a long way behind. There mature grave the young, the good is no excuse we remaining so. We and the true. Such a victim was sis-"The being plunged in water, in which can do better. May the Lord move ter Miller. And though her removal at so early an age be mysterious, yet And now I want to make a sugges- we are constrained to say "the Lord

A more triumphant Christian death "The changed rite—the Greek Church, of different churches, services edge of the writer. Sister M. seemed especially arranged for the revival of to discern the proximity of death from interest in the Lord's work within our the first of her sickness; requested her bounds. For example, let a church parents sent for, and told husband and pastor, in conjunction with the and friends, "when death comes let central committee at Tuskegee, ar- me know;" and when informed that vice for the regular Saturday and Sun- "Is this death?" then remarked, latest and best.

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the turpid waters of death to that THE OLDEST DRY GOODS bright shore, where she will wait to be joined, after a little, by husband, father, mother and loved brothers,

sisters and relatives. WM. A. PARKER. Joseph R. Vann.

Your committee, appointed to rethat many of the best proprietary med- port respecting our deceased brother, Joseph R. Vaun, submit the following: Dallas county, October 9th, 1839;

was baptized into the Mt. Lebanon ORDERS FOR SAMPLES SOLICITED Baptist church, Russell county, in 1857; ordained deacon of Mt. Zion church, Bullock county, in 1877, and died ner Union Springs, Aug. 19th, 1887. He was twice married, each This great man appreciated the real of his wives being a daughter of the merits of popular remedies, and the lamented W. W. Battle, who was so absurdity of those that decided them long-about 20 years-the much lov he article and the evidence of their ed and honored Moderator of the cures. If the most noted physician Eufaula Association. As a Christian, should announce that he had made a Bro. Vann's life before his brethren. study of any certain orgen or disease and the world, was truly exemplary of the body, or make his sign larger and unusually faultless, not a single report, within our memory, ever hav-By its timely use thousands of hopeless ca- leader in all medical counsels, not- ing reached our ears derogatory to his withstanding all this, if he should pre- good name. Though not gifted with especially brilliant intellectual powers, but possessing a warm, generous heart, a considerate humane spirit, entire life and all his available funds and a well balanced mind, he was indeed and in truth a good man and a useful citizen, filling every sphere of life well. As a neighbor, he was uniformly kind accommodating; as a will be pronounced by the medical friend, he was confiding and true; as profession an ulcer of little impor- a husband, he was tenderly thought tance. But if treated under the code, ful and affectionate; as a father, he was the earthly idol af his children, and as church member, he was orderphine, arsenic and other vile sub- ly in deportment, godly in purpose stances, given to prevent blood poil and life, loved and trusted by his soning or deaden pain, and yet the brethren and pastor, and in all things esteemed as worthy and reliable. save life, yet all done according to the Such a brother, taken from us so un-'isms" of the medical code, this is expectedly, though departing peacemuch more gratitying to the medical fully and calmly, leaves all our hearts propession, and adds more dignity to filled with deep sorrow. He left behind him a fondly devoted wife,loved dearly by us all, -and two This appears like a severe arraign daughters who have our sympathy

He has gone from us to return no

Baptist church in conference assem-

one our best and purest members, who was always faithful and true to us and and. That we deeply sympathize

with his bereaved wife and children, and hold ourselves always ready with loving hearts and willing hands to in correcting the acidity of the blood, which cheer and comfort them. 3 d That these resolutions be

spread upon our church minutes, sent to his bereaved widow, and printed in the Union Springs Herald and this potent remedy a fair trial. door in our opinion much more hon Times, and in the Alabama Baptist. Respectfully submitted,

Committee.

rene, Ala., Aug. 2, 1886) in decense

One week ago, with sorrow deep,

They laid your darling down to sleep, And on your home that summer day, Death's cold and sunless shadow lay. So quick and sharp the stroke that fell, We could not feel that it was well. The cloud so dark, the void so deep, Your stricken heart refused to weep It seems so hard that one so bright,

With bounding step, and eye of light, Whose voice rung ever sweet and clear, To greet the friends he held so dear. In manhood's sunny, cloudless mocn, Should to the silent grave be borne. No star we see amid the gloom, No rainbow spans that early tomb.

The saddened days wear slowly on, or miss that loving Presence gone, From home on earth, to home above, Safe in the arms whose name is Love. We know your darling is not dead, Though in the darksonie narrow bed The casket lies-the Gem so fair, Still sparkles in its beauty rare.

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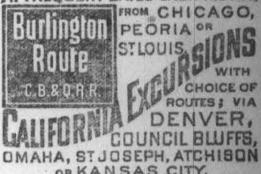


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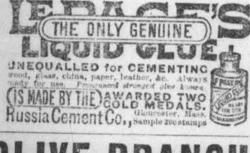


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The Willful Gifts and the Disconcerted Deacons.

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It was a lovely June Sunday, one of those days when we say with Lowell, "June, dear June, now God be praised for June!" To walk or drive to church was delightful through spicy country roads, under the arched ways made by the woven tree tops. What an air of calm over the landscape, and how fresh were the maidens, and how strong were the young men who gathered with the old men and children at the church!

It was not long after the congregation had disposed themselves quietly before a shade of disappointment might have been observed creeping over the assembled worshipers. An nomical than the ordinary kinds, and audience has its phases of expression nance, and sometimes shows its moods quite as unrestrainedly as a willful child. The disquieting element was the fact that a stranger occupied the pulpit, instead of the young and popular minister who had pleased them so much of late. Besides, the hymn and the prayer began to indicate the theme of the day-one not so agreeable to this congregation as it should have

> When, arriving at the sermon, the speaker announced himself as the agent of the Foreign Missionary Sonety, the disappointment turned to dissatisfaction. The day seemed to row warmer. Fans began to flutter. Some of the older, harder worked brethren seemed to court repose in their attitudes as far as the unfamiliarity of their Sunday suits and the unyielding uprightness of the pew back would allow. The speaker began to feel the loss of unspoken sympathy and quick responsiveness from his audience. In fact, an onlooker would not have imagined that the most inspiring theme on which a human tongue could utter divine and immortal thoughts, was the theme to which these people were listening. There is a dullness unconnected with a want of hearing in the natural ear. Had the inward ear of that people been open on this particular morning they might have heard sweet and wonderful notes struck, and listened to some spiritual chords, such as are for the most part alien to our earth; for he who spoke was a deeply taught disciple in the things that belong to our peace, though; like St. Paul, in presence he was base and contemptible among them.

Were there none who felt a thrill of sympathetic love as he pleaded for those who had never so much as 225 Greenwich St., New York. heard that there were any "good thing?" Some indeed drank in his words, and saw in each dusky, debased idolater a pearl for whom the great Merchantman gave his all-a soul that might shine like a star for ever and ever; but for the most part this church was uneducated in the wonderful science of world conversion, unaccomplished in the art of giving, unactuated by the knowledge that "giving is worship."

The sermon at length ended. Th contribution plates were passed. Ur to this time everything had been much as usual in the service, unless, indeed, there was a greater degree of apathy than sometimes prevails. Still the increasing heat of the day, and the matter and the man would explain that, but not the phenomana I am about to

Daacon Jones came first to Mr. Blake's pew, one of the wealthy men of the church. This gentleman had

What was his surprise, while the thought was in his mind, to see the bill, in the most mysterious manner, silently leave the plate and waft itself back to his pocket book still open in his hand. His first thought was: "Well, I am glad to get my money again." H s next: "I wonder if any body saw that?" Glancing around he saw no evidence that anybody was regarding him or his actions. The deacon went on as composedly as ever, and Mr. Blake felt intensely relieved. Still no bill was on the plate. Miss Blake, the eldest daughter, next deposited a fifty cent piece, unconsciously thinking: "It's just so much gone," when a sharp rap on the rim of her porte monnaie, and a metalic click revealed the halt-dollar again in her possession. With a quick blush she said, "I will not try it again; somebody might see me." So she quietly slipped it into the pages of the hymn book in her lap.

Miss Jennie, as youngest, usually brought up the rear in the matter of Dr. Pierce's Pavo, ite Prescription the tamily giving. Hers was a ten is a legitimate medicine, carefully compounded by an experienced and skillful physician, and adapted to woman's delicate thought about the money or its desticent piece. She put it in without a



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concentrated on a certain somebody even to the least act of giving in a pecially in the Old and New Testain the choir, that she hardly noticed way acceptable to him. how quickly the little piece was hers

a dollar to be sacrificed to the cause ly fascinated with the desire to see race. I bow before the mysteries of lay in her hand. "How often these how each particular piece of money the Bible and the gospel, and I recollections do come! There's our Wo- would deport itself. These were all frain from the discussions and scien man's Society, too, to which I am people I knew well, and although it tific solutions by means of which men

here it is in my hand."

emptiness, he said to himself:

Blake didn't give anything, I'd a kep' long-robed Pharisee, that I saw stand it anyway! Ef he can't give, I guess I | ing on the corner of the street with | of boys at the gate. All were admit-

back came the furtive quarter, as if in turban. answer to his unspoken idea.

motives of these various givers, and words, but I do not know who could them all into the yard, and driving a the return action of the money, I did have spoken them. not immediately perceive. It was not Lord loveth a cheerful giver." "Of every man that giveth willingly with his heart ye shall take an offering."

So far in effect there has been no cret to himself. offering. At least the plate was as bare as when the deacon began his the air was stirring. round. I watched with some anxiety to see how he would fare as he went next, and she was ready.

"How little it is," she said, as she was too much for them. laid her modest ten cent piece on the empty plate. "And the first thing counted the money after service. A for this very Sunday, from that extra the falling off in the sum became eviegg money. I want it to go for Bibles, dent. and to help buy some of those 'Wonderful Books' the missionary told of. I am sure a Bible will comfort the year good," said Deacon Smith. heathen. It does me."

smiling up at the deacon, and he was

After passing several pews with va- standing near them. ying results as to the aggregate sum, money promptly found its way again | into the plates," said he. to their pockets, Deacon Jones came "What do you mean?" asked Dea- by perseverance. to a little brown figure in black-not con Jones.

ed to hover over that quarter of a dol- should see its fruitfulness. this sentence, "For the love of Christ | kind." constraineth me."

ren when they found their money in to the minister: their sack's mouth, prevailed. Each "I cannot understand our having

certain where all this money goes to; closure, makes no movement to re-but it will not do for money goes to; turn to the kindly faced gentleman. the mind, called "springs of action," the malady, while emulating his virtues. When he extended his hand the and had seen their results in working. thought flashed into his mind: "What a bubble on the surface of my un- "Do not give yourself the least trouble speakable gratitude is this! How im- on that account, Brother Smith. I ungodly.-Rom. v. 6. possible for me to pay in the most in- sometimes feel about a small collection finitesimal degree for God's great, free as I do about a small congregation on

> "When I stand with Christ in glory, Looking o'er life's finished story, Then, Lord, shall I fully know. Not till then, how much I owe.

"Yes, I am his-body, soul, money, all belonging to my faithful Savior. Stewards of the manifold grace of God, he calls us. Lord, use this money to thine own glory!"

in view at cnce, and I had been watch- have weight, in these days when so ing the one nearest me. Now my eye | many are trying to climb up some othwas caught by the glitter of a five- er way. dollar gold piece on the other side of "I have examined. I have doubted, the church. It had no sooner touched I have believed that the human mind

"However," he said to himself, "I per cent. I made this week."

shall not go. the plate. Those were well earned essence and design. pennies, and more than that they I have, there ore, returned to the were intelligent pennies, for the little faith of my childhood. I am still firmpeople had somehow made them un- ly attached to the use of my reason, derstand that they were to go far and to the free will, which are my across the water, to buy the Book that gifts from God, and my birthright and In the city. Always carry a large Stock Sold everywhere. Price, Cuticura, 50cts; tells how the loving Savior had taken my title af honor upon earth; yet I Persolvent, \$1; Soap, 25cts. Prepared by the little children in his arms and blessed have learned to feel myself a child in Gents, Ladies, Boys & Children them, to give to little ones who had the hands of God, and sincerely renever heard about the wonderful and signed to my large share of ignorance Pimples, blackheads, chapped and oily beautiful things that he did I thought and weakness. I believe in God and skin prevented by Cuticura Soap. then of that word of the apostle: "He worship him, without attempting to

nation-thoughts enough of a certain | Lord himself, that we must become | in the secret life of the soul, but in kind she had; just now they were so as little children, if we would enter in, the history of human society, and es-

It had been a curious scene to me and of the divine action of the mediaas I looked at the mysterious process, tion and sacrifice of our Lord Jesus Now it was Mrs. Blake's turn, and safe in my own obscurity. I was fair- Christ for the salvation of the human was possible to say pretty accurately have tried to explain them. I have a "But what is this?" she thought, how each one's money would behave, firm faith that God allows me to call breathlessly, "Deacon Jones has gone yet there were some great surprises to myself a Christian; and I am convincby without my money; I was sure I me. And the number of thoroughly ed that when I shall, as will soon be put that money on the plate. Yet surprised people was not limited to my lot, enter into the full light of day.

was not filling very fast. Directly be- ed. If the father's and the mother's discussions in this world, concerning hind the Blakes sat Farmer Freeman. money came back to them, so did the the things which are divine. He had not had a very successful children's. But not always. There year. This past week a mortgage had was Captain Prescott's family. While fallen due, and he certainly had reathe gifts of the other members of the son for feeling pretty poor. However, family flew back with alacrity to them, for decency's sake, he had laid hold the money his daughter gave remain- Boston, a boy was wanted; and a piece of a very slippery quarter, and just ed. Still that was natural. She al put in on the plate, when, seeing its ways was different from the others, posts, so that all the boys could see it always thoughtful of others, while her as they passed by. The paper read: "I had two minds about that quar- father-well, my fancy darted back ter, and ef I'd a seen that Lawyer to the streets of Jerusalem, and the to-morrow morning."

The mysterious connection between men." "To be seen of men." "No how can I choose from so many?" the inner, half conscious thoughts and reward." I certainly heard these

long, however, before some old words The final hymn was sung and the con- the boy who could hit the nail with a seem to revive in my memory. "The gregation dispersed. There were some stick a little distance from the tree burning pocket books and some burn- should have the place. ing cheeks, too, but each preserved a The boys all tried hard; and, after

But it was so good to get out where next morning; and this time, when the

on his way. The farmer's wife came made only by those who had some nail, hit it every time. thing on their minds, like a secret that

Deacons Smith and Jones usually

The diminutive disk of silver lay go a good ways," said Deacon Jones. again." The minister of the morning had come down from the pulpit and was

the surprised people feeling a sense of money at one time or another. Per- accident at the mills he was the first discomfort and embarrassment as their haps he has sorted this before it came to step forward with a gift of \$500 to

content on the not too well filled plate? money in a contribution plate, the aids weak, impaired, and debilitated The halo began to grow and expand fruitful and the fruitless. I should not organs. A trial will convince you that

It could not be possible that the So the deacons passed on down the heat of the day had overcome me, and aisles. Astonishment, not unmixed I had been dreaming. At all events, with a kind of wholesome fear, similar just then I am sure I heard Deacon to that experienced by Joseph's breth- Smith say, as he handed the money

individual who was so unexpectedly so small a contribution this morning. refunded was alone aware of it. Oth- There was a good congregation, and his life with dyspepsia which made his Rates: \$1.00 per day. describe. As I said the plates were ers saw but the generally meager look our June collection is generally the largest.'

He said, as he took the money: a stormy day, they are the chosen and Remedy. And these old words rang in his ear: picked ones, and I have pretty good reason to believe that this money is of the thoroughly assorted kind, and is going to do a work out of all proportion to its size."- Independent.

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the plate than it rebounded as by a has power enough to solve the probsecret spring to the hand of a very lems presented by man and by the fashionably dressed young man, evi- universe, and that the human will had dently from the city. He was a young force enough to regulate human life and successful broker from New York, according to the dictates of law and spending his Sabbath in his native morality. After a long life spent in thought and action, I became, and I He had not been aware that this am still, convinced that neither the was Missionary Sunday, and conse universe is competent to regulate its quently had not been expecting to own movements, nor man to govern his own destiny, by means only of the permanent laws by which they are orshan't feel it. That was a pretty large dered. It is my profound conviction, that God, who created this universe "No," the money seemed to say in and man, governs, preserves, and returning; 'you will not feel it, for I modifies them, either by the action of In one of the last pews were two of by special act, which we call super- ment. Endorsed by the heads of the Great the brightest, most eager little faces natural, and which, as well as the Universities as the Strongest, Puress, and that ever watched for a contribution general laws, are the emanations of most Healthful. Dr. Price's Cream Baking plate, and it did seem as if the deacon his free and perfect wisdom, and his Alum. Sold only in Cans. would never get to them! Their pen- infinite power. We are permitted to nies almost flew into the deacon's discern them in their effects, and for NEW YORK. CHICAGO. and pimply diseases of the skin, scalp, and eyes in their ludicrous haste to reach bidden to understand them in their

Dull Aches, Pains, and Weaknesses in- that giveth, let him do it with sim- understand him. I see his presence ONLY ASK FOR A TRIAL ORDER.

ments-those records of revelation

I shall see how purely human is the As you see, at this rate, the plate It usually went by families I notic- origin, and how vain are most of the

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At one of the mills in the city of of paper was tacked on one of the "Boy wanted. Call at the office

At the time named there was a host his trumpeter before him, had exactly ted; but the overseer was a little per-While the thought was in his mind, Captain Prescott's features under his plexed as to the best way of choosing one from so many, and said he, 'Now, "That they may have glory of boys, when I only want one of you, After thinking a moment he invited

nail into one of the large trees, and At last the collecting was done. taking a short stick, told them that

religious composure and kept his se- three trials, each failed to hit the nail. The boys were told to come again gate was opened, there was but one "Intolerable! And then an agent!" boy, who, after being admitted, picked But I observed these remarks were up the stick, and, throwing it at the

> "How is this?" said the overseer. "What have you been doing?"

And the boy, looking up with tears in his eyes, said, "You see, sir, I there, too. But it is my own earning peculiar look passed between them, as have a mother; and we are very poor. I have no father; sir, and I thought I would like to get the place, and so "We shall have to take up another | help all I can; and after going home collection to make our pledges for the yesterdy, I drove a nail into the barn, and have been trying ever since, and "Or else ask the Lord to make this have come down this morning to try

The boy was admitted to the place. Many years have passed since then and this boy is now a prosperous and "I believe the Lord always sorts his wealthy man; and at the time of an relieve the sufferers. His success came

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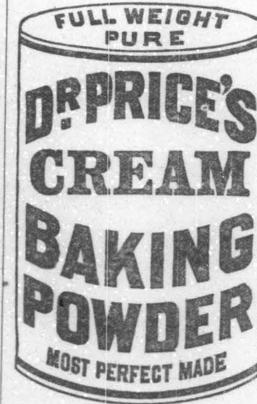
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