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Paper on Church Letters,

Read Before the Muscle Shoals Associa-

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1 Is the obtaining of letters of dismission from churches, and neglect ing, without any necessity therefor, for one or more years, to present them in application for church membership, a wrong and an evil? If so. what remedy should be applied?

I shall consider it not disputed, that the practice referred to has long ex isted, has constantly increased, and has now become notoriously frequent. There are two classes of persons, however, who long retain their church letters, which were not intended to be comprehended in the questions submitted for discussion. The first includes all persons who retain their letters for years, simply because they feel unsettled; but they are thus contracting a habit of being practically out of church connection. They do not think, probably, that they are thus failing to do good to others, and also injuring their own spirituality; but the laws of Christ cannot be neglected with impunity. Such persons are doing wrong in both ways. If they do not expect to remain even six months within the neighborhood of a church, it seems to be their duty to hand in their letters, become identified in its fellowship and work, and thus give and receive the benefits intended in church membership. Ou Savior instituted his churches not for worldlings or worldly professors, not for infants, or seekers, or persons only convicted of their sins, and desiring to flee from the wrath to come, or for any other unregenerate persons, as millions in our country believe; not for state governments of the earth to use in carrying out their purposes as hundreds of millions believe; but for regenerate persons, for regenerate persons only, -not for infants regenerated in baptism, nor grown persons in the same way, -but for persons old enough to repent of their sins, and to have faith in Christ "with the heart," and such as has been regenerated by the grace of God before their baptism, and for all such regenerate persons. A regenerate person, who alone is a Christian, has no right to

membership in a church of Christ. The other class is, members of famlies, probably mostly females, who, being in a dependent condition, are, from various causes, without facilities for attending the house of God, and, instead of being helped, are discouraged from presenting their letters for membership. They have good desires, but unhappily cannot do as they wish. Such persons are really to be pitied, and faithful prayer should be made, that, if it be God's will, these

choose to remain (practically) out of

hindrances may be removed. their church letters? Sometimes the in good faith be delivered. hers in that joint church letter. He therefore sintully, in failing for years was a clever gentleman and an oblig- to exercise discipline in regard to such ing neighbor, but in this respect a re- members, and thus making themselves responsible for their wrong proach to his Christian profession.

Allowing for all such exceptions, I conduct by continuing to acknowlwould now mention the instances edge them as members of their respecially intended to be referred to spective bodies. If such delinquent dollars.

in the questions submitted. Perhaps members should go and join some all these may be considered in the other denomination, they would be following classes:

tain letters and remove off, and merely neglect to unite with another church till neglect becomes a habit, and they live practically out of church connection, and out of church duties, influences and privileges, and inevitably become worldly and careless concerning their Christian obligations. Knowing that they are guilty of living and long remain out of church conwrong, it is impossible for them to nection, it would seem that they make "effectual, fervent prayer" for themselves or for others. Instead of a few others, who never had any doing the good they might, they are charge made against them, yet who doing harm to the cause of Christ, and gathering unhappiness in their present existence, and providing a dark future for the decline of life, and they abandoned, are stigmatized on a deathbed of bitter regrets for knowing how to do good and doing it not. It has even been occasionally known that a person has obtained such a letter, and happening not to remove. has remained for years in the same neighborhood without returning the letter to the church, and thus living in violation of true Christian princi- they ever had any.) and "do the first

2. Those who, from some dissatisfaction, and actuated by a wrong spirit, called for letters of dismission. A wise discretion on the part of the church, firmly exercised, might allay the trouble and restore peace; and, if necessary, a really good man, thus misled, has to be rebuked, or even excluded, that he may be caused to mersion, election, and predestination, repent of his wrong. But the church such stony ground converts are as fails to do its duty, and letters are im- firm in belief as were the incarnate operly granted and unjustly held

for an indefinite time. tians or not, God knoweth, but I fear weak in faith in regard to the docnot-run well for a while, then call trines of perseverance as church memfor letters of dismission, with a secret pers, and of giving money to support purpose of never putting them into the cause of Christ. They seem to any other church, or at least without forget "that faith without works is any purpose thus to do, and who de- dead, being alone," and that they liberately choose thus to live, and not are in danger of earning to themselves to return such letters, (as they cer the Christless and hopeless distinction tainly ought to do,) and do thus con- of being "twice dead, plucked up by these devils out, whether found in The faculty report splendid work tinue to live, probably till they die.

4. Those members who, when a ting the facts, hold such letters with reering through our bounds, preach-

members of no church holders who thus act wrong, may be have been shucked off from our commentioned such persons as were once munion as dead branches, (and for church members, but their churches whose errors we ought not, by our dissolved, or gradually died out with- neglect of discipline, to allow our out giving any letters; and they never selves to be made responsible,) be report the facts to any other church, come hasty and blatant proselytes of

holding of church letters for so long want of prompt church discipline, we Here I may be allowed to remark, and a practical evil, and that, if pos- "wound" the Savior "in the house of in regard to the writing of joint letters sible, it ought to be remedied. I his friends." of dismission. In my humble opin- would respectfully suggest the inquiion, this ought not to be done. I be ry, whether it would not be a duty on lieve it has been argued in defence of the part of all of our churches to asthe practice, that certain members of certain, if practicable, whether any one family have all been dismissed by persons are thus neglectfully and one vote. This looks like sustaining wrongfully holding letters granted by one wrong practice with another. I them, and if such be the fact to remust insist that each applicant ought quire that such letters be used as into be dismissed by a separate vote, tended, within a reasonable time to and have a separate letter. They be prescribed, or returned to the were first approved and baptized in- churches granting them; or if lost, dividually, and not by families or that the facts be duly reported; and parts of families, and the vote of dis- to subject such members to discipline mission and the letter should be for as refuse or neglect to use properly or each applicant individually, and thus return those letters, or report them if let each one be aided and encouraged lost. It would seem proper also to in teeling his or her individual re- impress on the minds and consciences sponsibility as a church member. Be of holders of such letters, that a letter sides, the other course often works in of dismission is not the property of obnvenience and harm. A husband, the individual, to be treated as he wife, and two or more children, are may choose, but the property of the dismissed by letter, and they may all church granting the letter, placed in first remove to one neighborhood trust in the hands of the dismissed Presently one or two of them must go member, and to become the property somewhere else to live; where are of the church to whom said letter shall husband or the wife becomes careless mere holding of a church letter for so about joining another church-more long a time, without any sufficient likely the husband-but there are reason therefor, is a departure from their names, in one letter, insepara- orderly conduct; and, besides, such ble. I once knew an instance of an persons, thus removing themselves estimable Christian lady in this state, from the good influence and restraints in a county south of this, who with of church membership, are the more her husband brought their joint letter, apt to fall into some kind of worldly, I believe, from North Carolina, and sinful habit, to their own serious inwho remained for quite a number of jury, and to the damage of the years without joining any church, churches whence they obtained letters though living within convenient reach of dismission, where their membership of several, simply because her hus still is, and to whose discipline they band would not accompany her and are still unquestionably subject. And also ask for membership; and she was it seems that churches to whom such painfully ashamed to present herself cases pertain ought seriously to into a church, with the name of her quire whether they are not acting innow worldly husband along side of juriously to the cause of Christ, and

promptly excluded by churches from 1. Members who, in good faith, ob- which they got their letters; why not exclude them for the violation of

other scriptural requirements? In reference to those who long hold letters from churches no longer existing, and being under no church authority to call them' to account, as well as to those who received no letters from their now deceased churches, might reasonably be classed with not shuffled out of church attendance and other social religious duties, and becoming thus lost sight of by the church the roll of the church book as "dropped" members. In regard to all these last described deserters from the service of Christ, it would seem to be the duty of all faithful members of the churches, as they have infor mation and opportunity, to exhort them to return to their first love, (if works." And if they prove intracta ble, such offenders ought to be

"The fearful soul, that tires and faints, And walks the ways of God no more, Is but esteemed almost a saint,

And makes his own destruction sure.' It is an unwelcome reflection, that while, in regard to some distinguishing points of Baptist doctrine, as imthe Son of God over them, yet these 3. Those who-whether real Chris- liberty-loving brethren seem very

It is also sad to think that, when church from some cause, concludes some "wandering star," with baleful to dissolve, and authorizes the clerk light enough only to make his docto give to each member a letter sta- trinal "darkness visible," comes caout ever presenting them for church ing a hideous distortion of gospel membership, preferring thus to be truth, a "doctrine of devils," as "satan fashioneth himself into an angel With these cases of persistent letter- of light," some of those who ought to or become members of a church again. the "new religion," thus casting dis-I think it was the sentiment of the credit upon the whole body of Christ, district meeting, in which, as one of and misrepresenting true religion to a its members, I fully concur, that such mistaken world. And thus by our a time is unreasonable, and is a wrong may help such deluded professors to

The Lowndesboro Church.

preached the dedication sermon for the Lowndesboro church on Senday last, to the delight of the large congregation present. His well defined thoughts, chaste language, poetic and classic quotations and silver tongue with liberality. He is ever seeking

The house with its equipments cost \$1,401. The baptistery is under the pulpit, and is a part of the plan of the house. The acoustics are fine, and There is nobody a Pedobaptist prothe building is attractive without and ly furnished and the Sunday-school is unfortunate that the poor mother- Preparations are being made for a will be organized next Sabbath. The hubbard cannot see, in its airy loose- vegetable garden, from which will be ed by one other minister, he held a made during the year was \$164.65. if it does not love, the man of princities to supply every demand. all. The little bark of twelve members passes out upon the high sea of Christian endeavor. May her integri ty be as true as the needle to the pole, her moorings ever be clear of breakers, her course unharmed by surges and storms, and with pressed and dauntless sail compass the voyage of ages to come. A nobler membership does not exist, a better community is

not found. God bless them. We were cheered by the presence of our worthy secretary, Rev. W. B. Crumpton, who participated in the dedicatory service and went with me to Havneville at night and delighted that people with one of his practical discourses. Here we have another rising band of the Lord's followers who are building a house also, and which we hope to dedicate ere long. G. S. ANDERSON.

Ft. Deposit, Nov. 7th.

taxes on about seventy millions of longed. Paul's great heart yearned

"Strait-Lace" or " Mother Hubbard."

BY GEORGE A. LOFTON, D. D.

Not long since I heard of two Bap tists sparring at each other in the terms which constitute the caption of this article. The one was hitting at the "strait-laced brethren," and the other preferred the "strait lace" to the "mother hubbard."

Well, I do not believe in Baptists

wearing their clothes too tight. Millshould be equally intolerant of every- niston's merry preacher. thing which keeps devils in, or tends trary to, or not taught in, the gospel.

ularity, preference, false charity, "in- try, if the brethren will stand by the I rejoice to be able to state that he is ner consciousness," pride and preju- president and faculty, as I believe in a fair way to get his house of wor dice, and Baptists should help cast they will do. ours, or in the hearts of others. Get done by a splendid set of young men. these big devils out of the way and Christian union would soon circle liness, good order and hard work. It around the word of God as the sole rule of Christian faith and practice, God bless them. st ictly construed. There would then be neither narrow guage, nor broad next Sunday. We feel satisfied that portant field. guage, but the great standard guage we have the best and roomiest Bap-

But let me say a word about the

mother hubbard Baptists. You know

a liberal Baptist is the liberalest thing that walks the earth. He outherods Herod in this particular. Other de nominations pretend often to great liberality, but they always have an eye to business, when you hear them professing too much. Not so with a mother-hubbard Baptist. His is not the hug of the bear by any means He loves everything good and bad. He is only a Baptist from preference and not principle, and he holds that baptism, church government and doctrinal interpretation are simple matters Dear Baptist: Dr. M. B. Wharton of theory—a platform upon which no other denomination will confess it stands. He is ready to fling wide open, therefore, the door of communion and say, "Come, all ye," and when he is rolling in the luxury of his mother-hubbard, he fairly slobbers an occasion to hit his "strait-laced" brother, and he is always "slathering" voluminously with his fulsome praises of everybody but his own people. fesses to love so dearly, and none, in pleasing to the eye within. It is nice- heart, he despises more deeply, and it tained for the use of the college. from God with his congregations. average contribution per member ness, that the world always admires, grown vegetables in sufficient quanti- meeting of days at a school house in private far better.

word upon all-fours, nor compromis- more satisfactory. comprehend the lofty spirit of Christ, where in the state or out of it. ated the sins and errors of the people, Lake was an inspiring one. I came and learned Pharisee. John was gen- ful hand of B. F. Riley and the bless- revival meeting ever witnessed, or tle and loving, but he was a terrible ing of God it is destined to have a yet known, in all this region of country. THE women of Rhode Island pay man to "give the lie" where it be- more glorious future.

was the mightiest champion of the whole gospel, rejoicing at Ephesus that he had not "shunned" to declare "all the counsel of God." "The truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth" is the motto of every true Bap tist; and the whole truth at their hands, in love and in work, would take the world and cast out Satan for Jesus. - Western Recorder.

Dr. Nunnally's Lecture, Etc.

Dear Baptist: Though one week ions of beautiful women squeeze out late, Dr. Nunnally, of Anniston, filled their vitality and exuberance by cor- his engagement last Friday night, setting themselves to death, and what to lecture before the ministerial stuis true of some of us, physically, may dents of Howard College. Dr. Nunbe true of us spiritually. It would nally is a wonderful man; a truly giftnot do to rob our souls of charity for ed man. I don't know that I ever other denominations to the extent of heard a more appropriate lecture for their orthodoxy and rectitude in the young preachers. He said a great gospel. We should love all Christians many sensible, practical things that and co operate with them in what we will stick to the minds of those young agree, and when the road we travel men as long as they live. I fear the to the water. Our cause at Vance's with them forks, we should let them most of us do not appreciate how is looking up. They are in great need see that we take one way and they the helpful it is to ambitious young minisother. Baptists differ from all people ters of our college to be encouraged in the pesitive institutions of Christ, but and stimulated by such lectures. The there is much in the moral realm of board is doing a wise thing in fur Christianity wherein we agree and re- nishing them these opportunities to joice together. We should thank God hear, and become familiar with our for any who cast out devils, whether leading brethren. East Lake will althey travel our way or not, and we ways have a hearty welcome for An-

I am becoming more and more conto do it. Infant baptism, baptismal vinced, the more I see of him, that regeneration, baptismal perversion, our trustees made no mistake when faith and church covenant. Immedihierarchal and conventional rulership they placed Dr. Riley here as presi- ately a conference was held, and the over God's churches, apostacy from dent of Howard College. I am satis church elected three deacons, one o God's favor, an unconverted church fied no better selection could have whom had long served in that capacimembership, all this and more is been made; and my opinion is based ty in another church. And it was keeping the devil in, instead of cast- upon a knowledge of his record so agreed that the other two, together ing him out, and Baptists should far, together with the estimation of with a minister, who had been for wear the gospel corset, "the whole him of the community in general, and some time in waiting, should be orarmor of God," against it. No action that of the faculty in particular. He dained at night. Accordingly the orof ours should ever be construed into has shown wonderful skill, it seems to dination services took place that bidding God's speed to anything con- me, in the solution of some difficult night in the presence of a very good problems that have come up before There are seven devils which in- him. We are going to have one of impressed. So now Bro. Lowrey terrupt the gospel: convenience, pop- the leading colleges in all this coun-

> "Our boys" are hard to beat for manis an inspiration to preach to such.

Birmingham. The house will not be and there is very considerable inter-

best Sunday school in the state.

A. W. McGaha. East Lake, Nov. 12th.

Howard College.

A stop over in Birmingham a few days ago gave us an opportunity to run out to East Lake for a few hours. After dining with Dr. Jones, formerly of Furman, now college physician, I had the pleasure of a walk with Dr. Riley about the college grounds. It was refreshing indeed to see the main college building actually in course of burg, Ala., was ordained to the full stood and others were turned away

after the dinner hour, and before the

W. G. CURRY. toward all men, Jew or Greek, but he Verbena, Nov. 8th.

A Newsy Letter.

Dear Baptist: Perhaps you would

like to hear what the Baptists are doing in this part of the State. Leaving home on the evening of the 1st Sabbath in October, I joined Bro. J. M. Langston at Shultz Creek church, situated in what is known as River Bend, in Bibb county. Bro. L. was in the midst of a good meeting. We continued it for several days and the church was greatly revived. One baptism and some of the most obdurate cases of backsliders and outsiders were reached. Bro. Langston is a good preacher, and has a strong hold upon the affections of his people. Leaving this place, I arrived and preached at Vance's on Friday night before the 2nd Sabbath, and continued the meeting at that place till Sabbath, when it was my pleasing duty to lead five willing converts down inof a house of worship.

On the 3rd Sabbath, by request,

visited the town of Blocton, in Bibb county, and assisted Bro. J. G. Lowrey, who is now stationed there, in perfecting the organization of his church. We found eighteen who were willing to go into the constitution of a church, and these, after a doctrinal sermon, we caused to sub scribe to our (the Baptist) articles of audience, which seemed to be much feels that things are set in order, and ship ready for occupancy in the near future. He and his church need pecuniary help, and they earnestly request the prayers of all lovers of God

I opine that Bro. L. will do a good work in this very difficult field, if We hope to get in our new building properly encouraged. This is an im-

On the 4th Sabbath I was at Bellof the gospel upon which all trains tist church building in or around view, a little church in the extreme western portion of Jefferson county, complete so far as furnishing, etc., is where I baptized four, among whom concerned for awhile yet. Our con- was an old lady seventy-four years gregations are building up very fast, old. And now I have just heard of a revival in Big Hurricane church, on est. Come up and I will introduce the eastern border of our (the Tuscayou to, and let you preach to, the loosa) association, which resulted in best people in Alabama, and see the the baptism of some thirty-six. And still the good work goes on, for even of grace is going on in Bro. Blackwelder's church, in Northport. On last Sabbath he baptized seventeen, Dr. Riley to the presidency of our and it is likely he will have as many college. more ready by the end of this week. Let us thank God and take courage.

Fraternally, J. T. YERBY.

An Ordination.

Rev. Ino. A. Butts, of Childers-

work of the gospel ministry on the from the door. Eight were received Passing through the mess hall just 14th day of September, 1888, by a during the day, four by profession of presbytery of five ministers, chosen tables were cleared, there yet re- for that purpose. Although Bro. mained an abundance of well-prepared Butts is not a highly educated man, food, which showed that there had and but recently in the ministry, yet been no lack. Near by were a num- he is a strong exhortational, as well ber of sleek milch cows, from which as doctrinal preacher. And he apan abundant supply of milk is ob pears, in his preaching, to have power About the middle of August, assist-

Shelby county, in a thinly settled We challenge the South on it. The ple and of convictions. Mother- Thus, with all his scholarly attain- neighborhood. Hitherto there had hand of fellowship was extended to hubbards are very popular, I know, ments, President Riley is bringing to been but little preaching in that comtwo new members, which encouraged but they always appear disgusting bear his fine store of business sense, munity. The people in general had when they flaunt themselves on the for which he has ever been noted. manifested but very little interest streets, or in public. They suit in The quiet, orderly deportment of the about religion, and but few in a comstudents was very marked. From mon way would go to hear preaching. The spirit of the gospel always trav- parties who have been familiar with But from the very beginning of this els a golden mean. It is neither the management of the college in protracted meeting a deep interest bestraitlaced nor is it mother hubbard. former years, I learn that in no time gan to be exhibited. The people, It is as wise as the serpent and as harm- in all its past history has its govern- both day and night, came out in large less as the dove, never pushing God's ment been more thorough, or its work numbers, to hear the gospel, while the power of God seemed to be there ing its truths in any particular. It is Whatever may have been the fears and to overshadow the congregations. conservative in principle, radical in of parents as regards the morals of Mourners, deeply penitent, crowded practice and liberal in love. It loves East Lake, there is now no ground the anxious seats and thus did the God's children, wherever found, but for fear. With the present manage- meeting go on, about nine days with it rejoices not in their errors and iniq- ment of Howard College the morals unabated interest till it closed. Nearuities, and it plainly tells them so. of young men are as safely guarded ly every one that attended either pro-Magnanimity and candor combined at East Lake as they could be any- fessed religion or manifested the deepest anxiety. The meeting resulted, and while he pitied and compassion- Altogether, my brief visit to East so far as known, in fitty-two conversions and baptisms. It may be conhe did not hesitate to denounce the away feeling assured that Howard sidered, under all the circumstances, hypocrisy and shams of the leading College still lives, and under the skill- as the greatest and most wonderful

> On the same day of the ordination a new church was constituted at that any time. Send us all your news .- then keep right on. There is no exsame school house, where no gospel | EDS.]

church had ever been known before, consisting of seventy seven members. Others are expected to join. Bro.

Butts was unanimously chosen pastor. We commend this beloved brother to God, and to the words of his grace, and pray that through Divine assistance he may become as a minister of the gospel still more and more suc cessful in winning souls to Christ.

W. W. KIDD.

Childersburg, Ala. Southeastern Association.

Dear Baptist: I thought that some one would furnish you with a report of the Southeastern association, but I have not seen anything in the paper concerning it. A report of it appeared in the Union, which I suppose you

This body met at Wheelerville church October, 20. Bro. Byrd preached the introductory sermon. Bro. Prine was elected moderator and Bro. Powel, clerk. Saturday evening the church letters were read and I was greatly surprised to hear, as the letters were read that missions were not mentioned, and when they were, it was blank.

Bro. Crumpton asked me to attend that association and represent all the interests, but I saw from the letters that I would not carry much money from that body.

I represented the ALABAMA BAP-TIST, but could not get a name. preached on Sunday at eleven o'clock to a large congregation a sermon showing up the mission cause, and a collection of twenty dollars and eightyfive cents was taken up to pay a missionary in the bounds of the associa-

Sunday evening was a Sunday school mass meeting and several addresses were made.

Monday they read a report on missions and was going to pass the report without discussing it, and I began to feel that I was not in a missionary body, but some one asked me to talk and I occupied the floor nearly an hour discussing the different missions and education. I was followed by B. R. Jackson. The next subject was temperance, which was discussed

by Bro. Burson and others. In the evening I took up a collec tion of \$2.65 for foreign missions I sold 400 books and pamphlets. The

session was very pleasant. H. R. SCHRAMM.

Baptist Ministers' Conference.

After a suspension of three months, our conference resumed its meetings at the first church last Monday mornthis morning's meeting.

Woodlawn church, which was left intellectual faculties, if you want the without a pastor by the election of character balanced.

Bro. Hale reports an increase of more than fifty per cent in the Sunday-school of South-side church within the last six weeks, numbering 186 vesterday morning. Large congregation in the morning; at night extra chairs were brought in, but many ty seems to be inborn and constituadded to the church during the five weeks meeting, Bro. Hale doing all declaration of the apostle Paul to imthe preaching except three sermons by other brethfen. It has been demonstrated that the brethren who planned and built so large a chapel in that part of the city were wiser than others supposed them to be, and Bro. Hale is hopeful that his people will house of worship.

The First church Sunday-school has increased its membership nearly one some valuable accessions by letter and fact that many of the best members the five new churches which surround Divine Existence. Napoleon had the First church. We still have many been listening in silence to their disnoble men and women, true and tried, who rejoice in the success of the general cause but are devoted to the old the head of the army, "Gentlemen! church, and willing to make a grand | Who made all these?"-Ch. Secretary. success of the work in the name of our

If you will allow us, we will occasionally, as an association, give your readers brief news notes from our part of the field.

By order of the conference. D. I. PURSER.

Birmingham, Nov. 5th. [Glad to hear from you, brother, at

A Fine People.

Dear Baptist: Since becoming pastor of Union Springs Baptist church, I have read letters from many pastors and they have all had "the best people in the world" to preach to.

None of these letters, however, have excited my envy nor created in me a disposition to wish an exchange with any of the fortunate brethren.

Those who have lived among my people know what I mean; and, if the pastors above referred to could live with them for a few months, they would always make an exception of these people when saying they live amongst the "best in the world." Our people "show their faith by their works."

I will not speak of their kindness and liberality in general, but only wish to mention one incident which will speak for itself:

A few days ago I received a letter from Dr. Gwin, in which he stated? the needs at Decatur. I showed the letter to some of the deacons of our church; as on the Sunday before we had taken a collection amounting to over seventy four dollars, we decided it was not best to ask for another im-

I wrote this to Dr. G. and received in return a card of thanks for our supplications. On yesterday the card was referred to in the sermon, merely as an illustration of the way in which a great many people act with refererence to the foreign field. We had already taken up two collections, one for incidentals and one for n.issions; but the members of the church asked that we take another for Decatur The collection amounted to a little over twenty dollars. It will be sent immediately to Dr. Gwin. May God bless the people to whom it goes, and those who sent it.

It will be more gratefully received, and go further toward clothing and feeding the needy than all our prayers in their behalf.

J. H. FOSTER, JR. Religious Newspapers.

There is nothing equal in a household to a good religious newspaper. Children will read; and, if you furnish them with good reading matter, they will imbibe its spirit and adopt the sentiment and the maxims of its writers. The sooner, too, it is done, the better, before they acquire a taste for vicious or unprofitable reading, such as novels and idle stories, which only dissipate and corrupt the mind, and leave no compensation for the waste of time behind. By all means, take one or more religious papers, if ing, and have the following news from | you want you families to acquire proper and useful sentiment and knowl-Bro. S. R. C. Adams enters, hope- edge, and form good character. Culnow a very deep and pervading work ful, his new field as pastor of the tivate the soul, as well as the purely

> R. I. DRAUGHON. The Idea of God.

The idea of God is the most impor-

tant and comprehensive of all the ideas of which the mind is possessed. It is the foundation of religion, of all right principles of conduct. This great idea of the existence of the Deitional. Instances are reported of tion of a God, but we believe they are exceptions, abnormals, only provfaith. There have been about ninety ing the general principle true of the human mind. We understand the ply this much when he says of the pagan, "that which may be known of God is manifest in them, for God hath showed it unto them. For the invisible things of him, even his eternal power and godhead, are clearly seen from the creation of the world, being understood by the things that are made, so that they are without exsoon rise up and build a splendid cuse." How much more then those who dwell in a Christian community. Yet how often is heard on the street the flippant remark of a materialistic and agnostic philosophy, "Of God hundred in the last three weeks, and and religious truth we know nothing.' is rapidly assuming its former vigor They are like a man in the clear light and efficiency. The congregations of mid-day, turning his back to the are almost up to their usual size, with sun, closing his eyes and saying, "I baptism since the return of the pastor. the human mind will ever be like that The prospects for work and success of Napoleon to his captains and genare gratifying, notwithstanding the erals. On their return from their campaign in Egypt, they were seated on have gone out and are now leaders in light eve combating the idea of the

> No Christian can maintain a close walk with God, none can keep alive the hallowed fire of the soul without daily kindling it afresh at the altar. None can grow in knowledge and holiness without stated and regular seasons of prayer. - Abbott.

> cussion. At length, raising his hands

toward the heavens he exclaimed, in

the energetic tones he employed at

Men should begin to serve God and cuse for stopping or delaying.

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GAINESVILLE, FLA., is still in the grasp of the yellow fever. Help is badly needed.

THERE were twelve new cases and one death from yellow fever in Jacksonville last Sunday.

JEFF DAVIS' cousin, Gen. Reuben E. Davis, of Mississippi, wants a position in Harrison's cabinet.

MISS CARRIE M. COOK, of Alabama, has been appointed copyist at \$480 a year, in the signal office at Washing-

PRESSURE of business prevented our visiting the national press association, being held this week in San Antonio,

WE congratulate our friend, Judge W. T. Wilkinson, of Prattville, on winning the heart and hand of Miss Eva Lovelace, of that city.

BRO. TANNER favors a meeting of the state temperance alliance in this city at an early day, or rather, a meeting of all temperance workers.

QUITE an interesting paper on yellow fever was read before the Montgomery Medical Society, by Dr. Hargis, of Pensacola, last Saturday night.

MRS. LUCY PARSONS, wife of the deceased anarchist, is making speeches in London. It is to be hoped that England has laws sufficient to suppress Mrs. Parsons.

J. A. GAFFORD and J. A. Hudson, two of the Wardens of the Arkansas penitentiary, who so cruelly beat convicts last spring, have been captured They are sure to be convicted.

Bro. THOMAS HUDSON, editor of the Marion Standard, was married on Sunday last to Miss Florence Yerby, of Greensboro. This couple took us all by surprise, but we congratulate them all the same.

THE professor who talks most of his religion, his sacrifices for Christ and the brethren, is not always the man whose influence is the most potent for good. Mr. Moody says, "Light houses do not ring bells and fire cannon to call attention to their shining-they just shine."

is becoming good because she forbade months he has stuck faithfully by our a certain variety troupe playing in side, doing all he could for the pros her theatres. Whenever the papers perity of the paper, but for several and councils of other cities will speak months past his health has been failin correct tones against many of the ing, until he entirely lost his voice. shameless and harmful theatrical par- Last Thursday he severed his connecties that play in our opera houses then tion with us, expecting to go to Atcan we hope for some improvement lanta for treatment. He will be missed people. How members of our Sabbath-school of the First church, churches (indeed, how any father or where he has been so punctual and Montgomery is a puzzle to us.

As SECRETARY of the editors and Half fare will be given by all railroads. C. W. HARE, Sec'y.

CHRIST has gone to prepare a place for those who love him, but how about our preparation? "Prepare to meet thy God," should forever inspire the saint as well as the sinner. We who do most work for Jesus will be best ready to occupy the room made of the paper shows when your subscription ready in the house of many mansions. ed.

THE Christian's motto should ever at ence. All subscribers who do not send be, "Show me thy ways, O Lord; teach me thy paths." We too often seek our own way, and tread paths of our own choosing, and into the sloughs we soon go, and then we find it convenient to ask God to help us ly shall reside.

> PERU and the United States do not ust now understand each other. Au thorities of Peru forcibly seized and closed a house belonging to a citizen of the United States, and so far has failed to make due apology to this country. Correspondence between the two countries is now going on.

A CORRESPONDENT, who has visited the publishers who publish Mr. Spurgeon's sermons, says his sermon on Baptismal Regeneration (against it) has reached a circulation of 250,000, and is still coming out. Episcopalians and all others read his sermons, and much good will continue to result from sermons preached by him years

Among the deaths of fever at Decatur last week was our old friend, Geo. Black, son of Dr. Black, who died a few weeks since. He was a tal. We want north and south Ala warm hearted, true friend, whose bama to unite for the conversion of presence we shall sadly miss as we the world for Christ, and if our good visit north Alabama. We learn that brother can't break with Tennessee he had done faithful work among the we bid him a mournful farewell and stricken ones ever since the fever began to ravage the town.

THE American Baptist Publication Society is employing much of our Southern talent in its various publications. For the January number of 'Our Young People" Mrs. Lucy Dayton Philips, of Henderson, Ky., be gins a beautiful story called "A Noble Life." Mrs. Philips is the daughter of Dr. A. C. Dayton, who wrote "Theodosia Earnest."

PROF. GEO. W. MACON brought forty of the Howard boys to Mont gomery last week to see the fair. The boys bore themselves in a most genpraise for Howard College. The influence of Bro. Macon is telling for good on the boys. He is so firm, yet so kind and pleasant, in his bearing that the boys all respect and love him.

WITH pleasure we introduce to our readers Rev. J. M. Kailin, who takes the position in our office made vacant by the withdrawal of Bro. Besson. Bro. Kailin is a graduate of Howard College, and has spent one year at the Seminary. With a little practice he will soon render very able service to us. He will be made constantly happy if our subscribers will continu-

In the coming inter-state immigration convention to be held in this city Dec. 12th, our senior, who is secreta ry of the editors and publisher's association of Alabama, with Mr. E. B. Gray, of the Age-Herald, has been ap pointed to represent said association. Messrs. J. B. Oden, of the Hartselle Index, and W. E. W. Yerby, of the Greensboro Watchman, are appoint ed as alternates.

ally send him in their renewals.

BROTHER, whose money is that you are using every day? Whose farm are you working? Whose horses are you driving? The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof. You are using his property and ought to pay over the products of the farm exhibits him some rent. A man lends you money on which to do business, and to go from this state to make a living if you refuse to pay him interest the world brands you as an ingrate, a dis. | Saturday Gen. Jno. T. Morgan deliver-

ARE you overwhelmed with trouble? Do you ever feel as if you would be so glad to hide in some covert until the clouds had passed over? At such a time how sweet it is to join Toplady

Rock of Ages, cleft for me, Let me hide myself in thee.'

Many times this poor heart has found refuge in the clefted Rock when rest no where else could be

LAST July, one year ago, soon after leasing this paper, we employed Bro. J. A. B. Besson as bookkeeper and THE Advertiser thinks Chattanooga assistant manager. Through all these in the moral sensibilities of our from the office, as well as from the mother) can go with their families to efficient through several years. May see many of the plays that come to God deal gently with this dear broth- tablished goes toward impoverishing still they need our help. er while he shall remain on earth.

For nearly a year it has been the pleasure of the senior to have membership in the Verbena church, to which Bro. W. G. Curry has preachthorough preparation, consequently gives much food for thought to his hearers. We are sad to know that he is soon to sever his connection with this church, to accept the care of the church at Livingston. Happy the people among whom he and his fami-

ALABAMA has a commissioner agriculture of whom she may well be proud. He is not a figure head. Under his intelligent management the agricultural interests of this state have materially advanced during the past year. He is a practical farmer and fruit grower, and his success inspires confidence in the citizens of this state -confidence both in the capacity of our soil and the ability of themselves to make improvements in their manner of living.

BRO COULSON insists that Baptists of north Alabama should co-operate the Baptists of Tennessee. There is no more argument for Alabama Christians to co-operate with the Tennessee convention than there is that as citizens Alabamians north of the mountains should claim Nashville as their capisay, "Let him alone, Ephraim i joined to his idols."

DECEMBER 12th is the date for hold ing the great immigration meeting in this city. There will be several rep resentatives from every state of the South. Every great railroad will Every press association in these states and its editors. He recently urges rising young men, whose services will meeting means much to the South and state printer that the publishers of the number who shall visit us will speak that we would give satisfaction, and abroad the beauties and benefits of that we have a splendid job outfit. this most favored of states. Better The present state printer, W. D. railroad rates will be given to those Brown & Co., have for many years tlemanly manner and elicited much desiring to visit the South and thus done the state's work practically, with we will get many of the people who out opposition, and have grown rich have heretofore gone West.

> read that Maj E. C. Gordon had resigned the presidency of the Decatur Land Improvement and Furnace Co. His reasons therefor are the severe and continued illness of his son, who requires all of his attention, also the terprise. belief that the offices of president and business manager should be combined. He expresses every hope that Decatur will continue to grow.

Maj. Gordon has done more than any other one man to make Decatur what she now is, and what she prom ises to be in the future. His friends earnestly hope that his son's health will be fully restored.

THE State Fair which was held in this city last week was in every way success. The agricultural, mineral, timber, live stock and fowl xhibits were ahead of any previous year. No whisky or pool selling was allowed on the grounds. Several days were rainy, and yet money enough came in to meet all the expenses incident to holding such an extensive fair. President Culver and his worthy assistants deserve the thanks of all Alabamians for their unceasing efforts. On looking one was convinced that it is needless by farming. We have a goodly land nonest man. What about the Lord's ed an instructive address, mostly on the cotton industry.

ing a bad thing for Montgomery and Baptist city. It lacks a great deal of greater respect. ado over the brewery. Why, the es- find that in the matter of church proptablishment of a brewery in a city erty and church organization we are found. Thank God for such a haven. spectable people to seek that town for Presbyterians or the Episcopalians. the working classes.

WE congratulate Prof. Acker on the ELD. F. C. PLASTER, of Fort De- said of many other places in north publishers' association of Alabama, I life he is putting in his Verbena High posit, has been appointed by the State Alabama. Our readers who are unam authorized by one of the commit- School Alpha. His school is not so and Home Mission Boards to hold in- acquainted with the rapidly growing tee on invitation to invite every news- large as it should be. Verbena is the stitutes for the colored preachers of towns of the state can scarcely apprepaper in Alabama to send one repre- healthiest, cleanest and most refined this state. A hearty support by our ciate the situation. They ask, Why, if sentative to the immigration meeting little town in Alabama, and people brethren at large is requested in Bro. they are making money and growing from everywhere should send their Plaster's behalf. He is a man of irre- so fast, don't they build their own sons and daughters to Prof. Acker's proachable character, of great research churches and support their own passchool. He has a good house, com- so far as Bible information is concern- tors? Brother, many of these people petent assistants and is a superior ed, and if properly sustained will be have not come here to build churches, He never preaches without pray for and aid in this important fight for fame and wealth in those by Southern white men, who alone know how to deal with him.

> THE gambling mania is one of the growing sins of our land. Instead of seeking to check this evil, which has ruined so many men, driving them to desperation and to destruction, and often to a suicide's grave, the press of the land lends its encouragement to them. With great freedom the papers have just been regaling their readers with how much money was lost and won on the late election. Next week we will publish a sermon delivered by Bro. Pickard, of Eu faula, on lotteries and gambling, which we hope everybody will read. Then, if some big hearted Baptists will help us pay the expense, we will print it in pamphlet form for general distri-

WE learn that a bill will be introduced in the present legislature to forbid the sale of cigarettes. At first blush that seems like a very radical bill, but when we learn that a committee of competent men have recently made an analysis of a dozen brands of cigarettes made in Chicago, and found nearly every brand doctored to such an extent as to make them dangerous to health, and when we remember that several learned physicians in different portions of America have empronounced against them, a law. The boys of our land are actually smoking their lives away, and had appeared before the public as an something ought to be devised to pro applicant for a position, and remem-

OUR friend, H. G. McCall, of the Shelby Sentinel, is always saying nice doubtless have its representative here. things about the ALABAMA BAPTIST the state. Mr. Cowart is one of our is entitled to send two delegates. This that if there is to be an election for especially to Alabama. Many of the BAPTIST ought to be elected; adding few advantages, but he has made use therefrom, but the printer is not elected. The work is given to the lowest THE public mind was startled to bidder. We may not be able to bid successfully on this work, since our knowledge of state work is limited, but the public have already recognized the merit of our work, and are willing to encourage our industry and en-

spoke of going out and holding a whenever it saw fit. prayer meeting. Others called it a hundred kegs of beer on the grounds, Monday issue is concerned. to give one-fourth of the proceeds to ris and Culver.

THE NEEDS OF NORTH ALABAMA.

Conversing, a few nights since, Birmingham this conventional year. for Alabama." We asked him why, being a Baptist town. Any one who and he replied, "By making such an will take the pains to examine will would never induce intelligent, re- far behind either the Methodists, the a home for themselves and for their Baptists of Birmingham and Alabama children. Beer drinkers are whisky should so co operate that this should drinkers." This comes from a man not long exist as a fact. It can alwho is familiar with the greatest beer most be said of a truth that as Birmaking and beer drinking cities of mingham goes religiously, so will the America, and who knows about what state go. You may ask, What are the he is speaking. Neither is he a pro- churches of that city doing to help hibitionist, but a business man, under her destitution? Of that we cannot whose employ are hundreds of men. say, only that South Side, under Bro. We desire to see factories and other Hale's work, will go her fu'll length in industries built up in Montgomery every enterprise. The First church we want these enterprises so that our be strongly felt in this mission work. working people may be better off; but There are other churches around the

What is said of Birmingham can be these cards.

teacher, and withal a Christian gen- of incalculable benefit to the negro they are for getting rich; don't want last Sabbath, and one by baptism. ministers. White pastors can aid our churches. We must build churches missionary by suggesting the best time and seek to win them to Christ. The for holding said institutes in their re- north Alabama towns are like the first spective fields, and by taking up col- line of breastworks that are to be night. lections for this work. Let us all taken. These strangers will stop and work. The negro must be evangelized places for awhile, and then, in a few years, on they will move, until they have overrun all of central and south Alabama. Now let us, in their first trenches, capture them for Jesus and as they move forward they will come, not as hinderers, but helpers in the work. Christians of south Alabama owe it to themselves and to their children to aid in the evangelization of the northern part of the state.

THE HOUSE AND SENATE.

THE state senate was organized last uesday by the election of A. Hargrove, of Tuscaloosa, for president; W. L. Clay, of Madison, for secretary; D. W. McIver, of Macon, for assistant secretary; Miss Jim Weakley, of Lauderdale, for engrossthe senate.

The house was organized by the unanimous election of C. C. Shorter for speaker; B. F. Elmore, of Clarke, for clerk; A. H. Carmichael, of Col bert, for assistant clerk; F. W. Gist, of Bibb, for enrolling clerk; L. C. Ramsey, of Macon, for engrossing clerk: Robt. Hasson, of Etowah, for doorkeeper, W. R. Cristopher, of Limestone, for assistant doorkeeper.

Among the applicants for office who were defeated, was Mr. V. L. Cowart, of Winston county, who was a candi we begin to see some reason for such His race was a very successful one, considering it was the first time he bering that his successful opponent, Major Ramsey, is an old politician. and one of the most popular men in be constantly in demand. He was reared in Winston county with but of every opportunity. He is the attorney for the Georgia Pacific and Sheffield & Birmingham Railroad Companies.

MONDAY MORNING PAPERS. A FEW months since the Dispatch and Advertiser, of this city went into an agreement not to issue any Monday paper, because it was a losing business, and because there was little or no demand for such a paper, and because their printers objected to it, and because it was contrary to their sense of moral duty. Both papers have stuck to this agreement until last In many respects the citizens of Monday morning, at which time the Montgomery threw their weight Dispatch published a paper. Privately against the state fair. Because the it announced to the Advertiser its demanagement excluded whisky and termination not to be held any longer pool selling from the grounds some of by said contract, but its purpose of

The Advertiser very trankly admit "church fair." From good authority ted that never during the Sunday work we learn that the whisky element tried | did it have an easy conscience, bevarious devices to get around this cause it was an unnecessary violation prohibition clause, finally getting the of the Sabbath. The Dispatch may do Brewery Company (this great temper as it pleases, but the Advertiser proance institution of the city) to pro- poses to stick to its observance of the pose, if they were allowed to sell one Sabbath, in so far as leaving off the in Greene county. Bro. J. H Cur-

the Orphan's Home, one fourth to nothing against the Dispatch personal- gave us a good one on Friday. I the City Infirmary, one-fourth to the ly, or professionally, yet from its very baptized ten yesterday as one of the Confederate monument and one fourth position it must most heartily comto the Fair association. The mana mend the course of the Advertiser, as Knoxville, Ala., Nov. 12th. gers said, "No; this shall be done it does every influence that goes to \$2,000 in mission work in and around good people. The people look upon Nov. 16th. with an intelligent Northern gentle. The greatest need prevails there. We supporter of public schools we have man, who is now a citizen of Ala have been foolish enough to believe in the state, and now since it professes bama, he said, "Your papers are do- the boasting that Birmingham was a moral sensibilities, it is entitled to the

Bro. Burns is a preacher of true pluck and common sense. He was called to a church recently. While visiting the church it is said he asked two things: 1. How much do you lack of paying your old pastor's salary? 2. Do you intend to give to missions? He promised to answer favorably when the salary was paid. and when they agreed to give to mis-

Don't fail to order a supply of the beautiful "Picture Cards" for the little people in the Primary Classes; they struction that will be derived from until she shall successfully rival any is a very large body and has much their use. The Baptist Publication city in the world, in a business point; good material in it, and we hope will Society sends forth over a hundred thousand of these, in sets for three ginning of each quarter. The price every brewery and saloon that is estown that are doing their best, and is moderate, considering the fine work Benton, and the members all seem to in colors that is always bestowed on think that the Lord is with us. -Sid-

FIELD NOTES.

Brethren Newman and Hester, of Chambers county, were gate keepers at the fair grounds.

Rev. W. H. Parker preached four able and instructive sermons at Grove Hill, Nov. 11th and 12th.

into the fellowship of the First church Dr. J. R. Graves will deliver a se-

ries of lectures in the Baptist church at Greenville, beginning to-morrow Bro. Fail, of Plantersville, is sound. He thanks us for telling him what he

Adams Street church received three members by letter last Sabbath, and one candidate for baptism. Other letters are in hand for the next meet-

Hon, J. R. McLendon won the first prize of \$200 for the best individual collective display of field crops. It was an eye opener to go into his department.

Married, in Decatur, Ala., Nov. 14th, 1888, by the father of the bride, Rev. Dr. D. W. Gwin, Miss Anna Gwin to Mr. Spartan Goodlett, of Atlanta, Ga.

Miss Callie McLendon, daughter of Bro. McLendon, of Naftal, won ing and enrolling clerk; James Arm- the prize in the cooking contest at the strong, of Jackson, for doorkeeper of state fair last Friday. The premium awarded was a fine cooking stove.

The north Alabama conference held its annual session in Anniston last week. It held a highly interesting session. It was not as free from friction as religious bodies should be.

Married on Nov. 14th, in Perryville. Perry county, at the residence of Mr. Frank Acock, the bride's father, by Rev. W. B. Crumpton,

and says: "I hope to send you other names soon. We are all pleased with your paper. May God bless it."

On a vote in the town of Russellville, last week, the prohibitionists carried the day. We glory in the noble people of that splendid communiknown as prohibitionists.

A brother, who has forwarded another's subscription, writes us: "Send on your duns as much as you please, but do not stop the paper." We wish that more of our brethren would exhibit the same kind spirit of appreciation. The Woodlawn Baptist Sunday-

school sent \$28.50 to Bro. Eager on nis "Brick Books." You would have enjoyed seeing the little workers selling their bricks. They ran in every direction like news-boys. It was useless to say No to them .- F. M. W. Had a good meeting at Fayetteville, n this state, which has just closed I found the town pretty well occupied by the Campbellites, but we captured one hundred sinners, and had ninety-

four accessions to the church. Six of

this number were Campbellites. - W

E. Penn, Eureka Springs, Ark. Our office enjoyed pleasant visits Montgomery's progressive(?) men publishing a Monday morning paper last week from Drs. Murfee, Averett and Wilkerson, of Marion; Bro. Ayers, of Clayton; Bro. D. B. Edwards, son and daughter, of Benton; Bro. Johnson and wife, of Midway; Bro. Langston and daughter, of Jemison; and a number of others.

I have just closed a very precious series of meetings with Beulah church, ry, of Carrollton, gave us some splen-While the ALABAMA BAPTIST has did sermons. Bro. J. G Apsey also results of the meeting. -M. M Wood,

The Lord is still with us. I had under no consideration." What we build up the moral sentiment of a the pleasure of batizing Miss Idella need are more men like Messrs. Har- community. One of the crying evils | Holley into the fellowship of Eutaw of our time is the violation of the church last Sabbath. The increase Lord's Day, and when a great daily during the last nine months is sevenlike the Advertiser will come out in ty-five per cent. We are praising To give our readers an idea of the the face of fierce competition, and put God for his blessings, yet calling for needs of our State Board, we will say its voice in for a better observance of a still more abendant outpouring of that they could with great profit spend this day, it has special claims on all his Spirit. - John G. Apsey, Clinton, too, the number is exceptionally good.

Subscribers, in writing us to discontinue their papers, make a change, or anything in reference to their subscriptions, will please be sure to give their postoffice as well as their names We cannot take time to look over several thousand names. Mrs. J. H. Smith writes us to discontinue her pareceived her paper.

May. Our church is looking up in preach up there. ney Catts.

Some brethren and sisters of the First church, Montgomery, are working up a mission Sabbath-school in the southwestern part of the city. There is a good opening for faithful Christian work. The earnest labor ers engaged in this mission need assistance and encouragement, and we One member was received by letter trust that others will volunteer to go out every Sabbath afternoon to help gather in the children. Here is a good field for some lay preachers.

Don't leave all the work for the la-

We have just closed a meeting with our church here, which continued twelve days. Thirty-seven have been added to the church-thirty by expeowes, and is prompt in getting rience and baptism. Rev. D. M. Ramsey, pastor of Tuscaloosa church. assisted us. His preaching was ex cellent. His sermons were strong, pungent, full of the gospel. Rarely have I listened to preaching of greater spiritual power. The meeting has been a great blessing to our church and community. - W. M. Blackwelder, Northport, Nov. 12th.

Seeing a report where a brother baptized a candidate over eighty years of age. I here with send the following: On the fifth Sunday in July I witnessed the baptisms of a sister eightytwo years of age, her daughter, a He and his family say they must have widow lady, of sixty-five, and her son the Baptist. Bro. Adams is paster and his wife-a sight that is not often seen. A sister said that she had been a member of another church forty years, but had never been satisfied. Since she has been baptized she is fully satisfied .- Ignatius Purceil

Bro. C. A. Hapson, of Ellisville ber him to his uncle. Young Bro. 1 Depot, Miss., sends us two dollars E. Lewis spared no pains to assist us and writes us: "How the sight of the on our way. We shall expect to hear dear old Baptist did gladden my heart. I have been away from Alabama four years, though it has been a Louisville, on the railroad. Elam longer time than that since I have Baptist church is near the village. had the pleasure of reading that grand A Mrs. Perry, who claims to be a Rev. L. M. Bradley to Mrs. Mattie old paper. I now think that I will regular ordained Baptist ministress, continue to take it as long as I live, has been preaching here this summer. Bro. Upshaw, of Eclectic, has our if it exists. My wife is also a Baptist; and baptized quite a number of conhanks for his kindness. He sends us so our house is not divided, and she verts. The Evergreen association several renewals and some new names, is a native born Alabamian." We has charged this church with disorder are always glad to get such letters.

On Sunday, Nov 11th, a presby- to confer with the church. We trust tery, consisting of Bro. Burt Cheat- that everything will come out right. ham and the writer was called for the We got to Ozark about 4 a.m., purpose of ordaining Bro. Robert worn out from loss of sleep. The Peagler to the deaconship of Good- train was nearly nine hours late, on hope church. Bro. P. is a consecra- account of a broken down locomotive. ty and trust that they will always be ted young man, and we expect of him Bro. Guerry is the conductor on this a fruitful life. Bro. Burt has entered road, and always greets us with a frafully into the evangelistic work of the ternal grasp. After three hours of Alabama association. He has been sleep in a good bed and an excellent a successful pastor, and the vacancies | breakfast at the Speller House, we created by his change of work will be started on our tramp over the town. hard to fill. May the Lord crown his Sister Parker was glad to see us, and labors with success .- J. J. Pipkin, directed us to her mother, Sister

church are still being gathered. One received by letter yesterday, one under the watchcare of the church; one soon. Sister B. would have us to received for baptism last night. Sunday-school is still growing. All who have recently been baptized were members of our Sunday-school, but few minutes. Want of time preventone, and she comes from another ed us from meeting Judge Simmons, school. The church was presented, a week ago, with a beautiful communion service, by Mrs. A. N. Hawkings, who is not a member of our young lawyer, has hung out his shinchurch. The Lord bless her. She gle, and means business. I think we will never know how much we appreciate it. The pastor offers his resignation and it is accepted, and the church is now without a pastor. - Ino. W. Stewart, Birmingham, Nov. 13th.

It is pretty well understood that the glean after his reaping. conductors of Harper's Magazine always intend to issue a Christmas number which shall be not only complete in itself, but arranged on lines somewhat different from those followed during the rest of the year; and the articles in the Christmas number for 1888 were selected, evidently, with this end in view. The result is an issue strong and hovel. The originality of its pages is, perhaps, most striking in the short stories (the serial stories all ended in the November number) -- as in "The Christmas Story of a Little Church," by Grace King, "Sosrus Dismal," by W. W. Archer, and "The Front Yard," by Miss Woolson-this last being a daring comparison of Italian and New England natures and ways. In poetry, Artistically, it has never been sur-

Four years ago while acting as missionary in the Muscle Shoals association, we preached one Sabbath evening in the home of a Mr. McDaniels. His father was over one hundred years of age, nearly blind and very deaf. He had heard no preaching per, but does not give her postoffice. for several years, and his family We would be glad to hear from her thought he would appreciate the fact the sweetest characters that the writer again, as we cannot discontinue till that a preacher visited him and preachwe have the postoffice at which she ed in his home, whether he could one of its brightest jewels, and the hear his words or not. We took for a We ordained three deacons at the text "The eternal God is thy refuge, ion. A large concourse of friends Benton Baptist church on the fourth and underneath are the everlasting and loved ones followed her remains Sunday night in October. We were arms." In the audience sat his son, to the city of the dead, and wept over so fortunate as to have Bro. J. M. himself quite an old man, who was her grave many bitter tears. Fortune to preach the sermon and not a Christian. But we met him as Farewell, our affectionate friend, Dr. J. E. Chambliss to deliver the a delegate at the association last week we shall meet thee again in the upper will be a perfect joy to them, not to charge. Bro. Fortune's sermon was and learned that soon after our visit, sky. say anything particularly of the in- as good as could be and every one under the preaching of Eld. Tom enjoyed it. Dr. Chambliss' charge Weaver, he was brought to the Sawas interspersed with much humor. vior. This news did our heart good, The deacons were, brethren Emmett because we felt that we were instrumonths, one each Sunday, at the be- Bostwick, Jack Dudley and Wm. mental in getting brother Weaver to not saves not.

THE "King's Daughters" now number 20,000 in the United States.

On the Road.

Our first stop after leaving the good

people of Clayton was ten miles be-

low, at Louisville. They have the

railroad now, and are proud of a The BAPTIST has many friends here. so we found a hearty welcome on our new mission as a journalistic tramp Brother and sister McCormick keep open doors for weary travelers, and we walked right in. Bro. Little was busy at his store, but he is always ready to give us a kind word. We regret not having time to see sister Little. During our short stay we found it impossible to see all of the appreciative readers of the BAPTIST who live in and near this pleasant little town. Bro. Riley Herring is getting into regular work as a preacher. He loves our paper. Sister Veal keeps a sufficiency for a hungry man, and we enjoyed her hospitality. While Bro. Veal is not a subscriber we expect to have him before long. He was very kind in procuring us a conveyance to Sardis church, nine miles west of Louisville, where we preached on Sunday. A young man, Mr Faulk, of a Methodist family, drove us out in a good buggy behind a fast horse. While here we enjoyed the hospitality of Bro. Hanson Lewis, of this church, and is doing a good work. He is moderator of the Evergreen association. We met Bro. S. U. Wilkes at Sardis. He is a nephew of our good Bro. W. W. Wilkes, of Syl. lacauga, and requested us to rememmuch in the future from this brother, Elamville is about ten miles below

and appointed a committee of seven

Garner, who cheered us by giving Fruits of the meeting at the Second her name as a new subscriber. Dr. Bottoms is a good Baptist, and we hope to have him on our list very stop for dinner. Bro. W. H. Simmons was at his office in the court house. He was busy, but gave us a and we regret it indeed. Brethren Blackman will do all they can for us. Bro. A. T. Borders, a promising

> We soon found that Bro. Craighead, who came along here last April, had worked up the BAPTIST so well that there was very little left for us to

shall have him on our list.

Ozark has been on a boom since last fall, and is still booming. Lots are high, and no vacant houses to rent. Buildings are going up all the time. The Baptists and Methodists have preaching, each once a month, but next year they expect to have it twice a month. Bro. R. Deal, of Echo, is the Baptist pastor. He will move to Ozark this winter. The only thing bad about the place is the sand. There is a plenty of it, and a tramp will soon learn that he has found his

Bro. Byrd, a good Baptist, introduced us to Bro. Moses Sandbury, a Methodist, who kindly offered us a seat in his buggy, and off we started for Daleville, nine miles southwest. Sand! sand! and then more sand, but not quite all the way. The sand left us, or rather, we left the sand, about three miles before reaching Daleville. Here we found ourselves in the most beautiful pine region we have yet seen in Alabama. But I must close. I. M. K. More hereafter.

Died, On the 15th of September, 1888, Mrs. Elaline Dismuke. This consecrated Christian woman was one of ever knew. The church lost in her saints have gained a noble compan-

Z. T. WEAVER.

If there be life in the body the pulse will beat; and if there be taith in the heart, it will work. An idle faith is an evil faith; for the faith which works

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speak from experience. "No presents" is now attached to every wedding invitation issued in fashionable society and that's one reason why the ratio of marriages has decreased. When one has to buy his own outfit it's a different matter.

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wented to please all parties and satisfy ev-There will be a racket in that family when bub grows up.

imore Butcher: I have suffered with bad headaches for years and have tried many has entirely cured me. ED. BALTZ, LaFayette Market, Baltimore, Md.

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The pesky little moth costs the government \$30,000 per year, and is then ahead much of the time. Washington is said to be er town in the land.

begun it ten years ago, but he has only just tle. now found a cure for his cough. It is Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup.

A needle can be found in a hay stack if two years, and then found it in his heel as he sumped off the stack.

Foreign Correspondence. Extract from private letter.

"Soon I found myse'f narratin' All my travels; an' relatin', (Ther Prince ov Wales corroboratin',) How while once in Kopenhagen Hill's Chill Killer ritely taken Stopped a royal king f'om shakin', Stopped miz royal lim's f'om akin,' Stopped his fevered brow f'om bakin', Him ther amg ov Kopenhagen."

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We had a pleasant session without sitting up most of the night, as the custom has been-having two ses sions. The sum of the appropriations was larger, perhaps, than at any one meeting in the history of the board. We are senting or the lead. After trying Some applications had to be rejected. If the pastors and churches will stand fall back pever fail to effect a cure, and living in the by the board a few years, we will see a great change for the better. It will take organized, systematic effort to do

One of the most important things done was the appointment of

BRO. F. C. PLASTER

a around and turn up something for to labor among the colored preachers B. F. Johnson & Co., of Rich- of our state. This is a work we have longed to undertake but various hinaponjohn Demijohn Upjohn St. John" is the name of a westen baby whose father the name of a westen baby whose father Home Mission Board at Atlanta helps us in this work.

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A SAD DUTY.

It is generally known that the board has in charge a colportage fund. It is a trust fund. We require a bond of every colporter to the amount of dies will have to buy water at the private \$100. For several years we have been trying to settle with some of the When, from any cause, the digestive and first colporters of the board. We secretary organs become disordered, they have failed, many of them refusing to notice our letters. Faithfulness to the by the best physicians, and are for sale by fund entrusted to us requires that we collect these debts. We can wait no longer. The board instructed the secretary to proceed at once. I beg more infested with this insect than any oth- brethren who owe the board for books, and those who know them-A famous Washington gambler, it is said, selves to be on colporters' bonds, to will soon go to preaching. He would have write me at once and arrange to set-W. B. CRUMPTON, Cor. Secretary.

Resolutions.

Whereas, The Rev. Jefferson Falkner, for ten years past the beloved pastor of this church, has, on account of bodily infirmity, resigned that of- work is finely illustrated and large compenfice : therefore, be it

Resolved: That the ardent labors and successful work of Bro. Falkner during the ten years that he has served us shall be ever cherished by us, and that in severing the tender tie of pastor and people which has been so pleasant, we do so in love and sad-

Resolved, 2. That our love and prayers shall go with our dear Bro. Falkner and his dear family, and whether they remain with us, or labor elsewhere, we pray the great Head of the church that the word which he has held up as a comfort to us may Consumption, Scrofula, General strengthen his own soul and that God may spare him yet many long years and restore him to strength and use-

Resolved, 3. That a copy of these resolutions be furnished to Bro. Falk ner and that they also be sent to the ALAB, MA BAPTIST for publication.

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Died,

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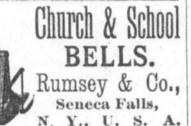
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If I do not live to see my living that can preach louder and more in a day one now in heaven as if I saw him here in the light of the setting sun.

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Clouds and Sunshine.

Thick and white the fog cloud gathers, Round the lonely mountain's brow, And its stern and rugged grandeur, From our sight is hidden now; But we know that all unshaken, Still uprears its 'ofty height still its silent guard is keeping,

BY ANNA E. RYDER.

o the clouds of care and trouble, Sometimes gather thickly round, hough we strive to pierce their darkness, Scarce a ray of light is found: But we know that still unchanging, Is our Father's watchful love;

Though 'tis hidden from our sight.

He is guarding, guiding ever From his throne of light above. When at last the cloud is lifted! Up above the mountain's crest, And no longer, thick and heavy, On its summit seems to rest, Nith what radiant brightness streaming,

Falls the sunlight; brighter far

seems its light than that which reached us Ere the mist came down to bar. o, when from our lives the shadow Passes, and we see again n its wondrous strength and fullness, God's great love to fallen men,

How surprising! how more glorious Now it seems than ere before! and from out the cloud we gather Strength and grace to love him more.

A Thoughtless Speech.

BY MRS. ANNIE A. PRESTON.

"The insurance on the house runs ut next month," said farmer Bennett, and I don't know where the money is coming from to get it renewed there don't seem to be anything just now turn into cash." "We might turn the house into

eash," said Ellen, who never failed of making her voice heard. "We could et it on fire and allow it to burn down, and get the insurance money. "I wish you would not make such thoughtless speeches, Ellen," said Mrs Bennett, in a distressed tone 'You make me think of the girl in the old story from whose mouth toads and reptiles flew out whenever she began to talk, and at length one a little more venomous than usual bit

off the end of her tongue, and in that way she was cured. The young girl pouted at the merit-

ed rebuke, but persisted: be done, and we could build a new Metetecunk river. The place was a lage of the outer walls of heaven, as if ashioned house with a bay window favorite fishing ground, and they there must be infinite glory within

could get a good run, and if nothing at every throw, and they pulled them ful for an hour. He had discovered

the chore boy. "I druther eat cakes would bite. The men cursed and mountains themselves. while he continued filling the wood saw a sight that sobered them. The ture. box he went on muttering, "It's jest water for the distance of two miles "And I replied, 'And I will go on as Miss Ellen says, a piazzy would be was bristling with shark fins! The a little further, and commune with a sight better lookin' than this old sharks soon surrounded their boat, God!

"I don't want'er stay ter home," stantly with their hats and bait pails. mune with nature, while I go and groaned Jonas. "Twould be jest Some of the monsters were not less commune with God." ike Mr. Ellis ter keep me a lugging than fourteen feet long. One of them brook water ter make more er the sap. actually seized and shook the boat. I want'er go ter town, I do."

nett. "Be careful about fire, Ellis." "Yes, be careful about fire, regard shouted Ellen, above the tinkle of the could not use their sails they could me: 'I wish you would speak more to bells, and Jonas muttered, as he not put oar or rudder into the water. me of God. dropped off the sleigh runner where They were drifting out to sea, the

he had chosen to ride: "It's jest as Miss Ellen says, it's a experience suggested no possible way be the word of God. plan ter raise cash; and if the house of escape. Facing a horrible death, burned down I could stay up ter the hardened scoffers as they were, they store, and buy jack-knives and eat both knelt down with one accord, and

peanuts instead of lugging sap." Ellis, left alone for the long even their sins and gave themselves to him ing, replenished the fire and the sap Scarcely had they risen from their kettle, made everything secure, and knees when they saw an enormous then closing the door between this ell "school" of porpoises rolling and kitchen and the living rooms, that the plunging over the ocean. The sharks steam from the boiling sap might not fled at the approach of their mortal pervade the house, sat down to his enemies, but the porpoises pursued you since the hour I met you at Albook. A half hour passed, and he and attacked them, and while the torf. And now tell me, with all your started out to look after the fire; open strange battle raged, the thankful fish studies, have you yet learned how to which he still held, with him.

chief, he dipped it in water, and tied ples of Christ. outside, went for the fire like an old same reef, expressed surprise because fireman. The door of the brick arch they rebuked him for protanity. "We was open, and great sticks of blazing are rough, ignorant men," they said, ning water in the corner of the room. told him the whole story - Watchman he rapidly dipped it dry, throwing the

water upon the starting point of the He emptied the sap tub in like lusty shouts were only whispers, and when he does want it that is the time fell sick and died.' that he was an hour, at least, in going to take it. Even a donkey does that, Rev. JOS. SHACKELFORD, A. M., for every pail of water. He was keep and the donkey can't be compelled to

blackened mass of smoking ruins' when Mr. Bennett and his family returned, Jonas riding as usual on the

sleigh runner. "Ready cash enough now," he shouted, "bay windys and plazzy's, est as Miss Ellen said. Why didn't ye let it all burn, Mr. Ellis? I set it

agoin' for ye." "Jonas set it," ran from lip to lip. Eilen told him to. She wanted a the professor of Philosophy, Dr new house with piazzas and bay windows. She always was a proud minx. Of course they will get no insurance. Ellen and Jonas ought to be arrested. Some one must report the affair to the insurance agents!'

This was so effectually done that next morning the agent came, accompanied by an officer, to investigate, and with papers made out to arrest poor Ellis, who, quite badly burned, wholly exhausted, and unable to speak aloud, was tucked on the sitting room

"I am looking for ready money, explained Jonas, who was poking with a stick in the ashes as they drove up; but I can't find none, and I want'er go down and buy a jack-knife. Miss Ellen said a fire would turn the house on together, pilgrims to see Switzerinto ready cash, and I reckoned land." As they went up the St. there'd be a heap on't."

The men looked at each other as if wondering what their duty was in the premises, and Mr. Bennett explained, 'It all came of one of Ellen's thoughtless speeches. And of my keeping a half wit in my family because I got him without wages, instead of sending him to the state school for weakminded children as my duty was,' added Mr. Bennett.

The upshot of the matter was, Mr.

Bennett, after a great deal of talk, got nis insurance, Jonas was sent to the school, a new ell was built, with a bay window and a portico. Ellis became a local hero, and Ellen, after her first shame and confusion, and a desire to bite off her own tongue, decided to use it more circumspectly; but the story that she coaxed a foolish boy to set her father's house on fire, so that a new one might be built with the insurance money, still clings to her, and no matter how many times the matter is explained away, it arises phoenix-like, an ever recurring reminder of the girlish folly of making pert, smart, senseless speeches. - Ch.

Saved by Porpoises.

Early one summer Sunday two fish- rich, "to Burke's definition of the is sailed out to the rocks of Squam sublime; it is vast, mysterious, terri "Well, mother, you know it might Beach, New Jersey, off the mouth of ble." "It rather had to me the im "I would not trade our roomy old were wild, reckless men, intemperate beauty were without." savage and fiercely hungry. The "Stay," he cried; 'I would go with Like it or not, he had to help about men tried to pull in their anchor, but you tapping the maple trees and setting the rope was snatched at by ravenous

him in an instant. sharks all around them. All their begged God's protection, confessed find to be true.

vice he took the pail, went out the cently (more than ten years after. I know that in another land we shall door, and entering the ell from the wards) fishing with them near the meet.' vood had been drawn out upon the but we have some special reasons tells me so. I shall meet all the good yellow pine floor. The smoke was for loving God, and hating to hear in heaven. I am sure of one child, thick, but going to the cistern of run his name taken in vain " And they an angel now.

It Takes a Man.

A Meeting of Friends.

Irenseus and the German Student,

Among my fore gn letters, not long since, came one with a curious Russian stamp. On opening it, I found within a deep black border the following announcement in German:

the afternoon, after severe sufferings,

Gustav Teichmuller, in the fifty sixth year of his age." I immediately recognized the name as that of the student to whom "Irenæus" became so romantically attached during one of his Swiss tours. Though twenty years younger, "Heinrich" (for thus does "Ireneæus" name him in his letter) has soon followed his fellow traveller. In his book entitled "Switzerland," Dr. Prime thus introduces Gustav Teichmuller: "At the inn at Altorf a young German student attracted me by the gracefulness of his manner, the delicacy of his features, and the pleasant expression with which he conversed. He attached himself to our party, and we walked Gothard Pass, and on by the Furca to the Rhone Glacier, Irenæus and his friend were discoursing of things rarely talked of in the Alps. The young German had all the enthusiasm of the French character joined to the mysticism of his own nation. He was well read in English literature, and familiar with ancient and modern authors, so that they had sources unfailing to entertain them as they journeyed on, occasionally sitting down to rest and brace themselves for a ugged climb. "I became," he says. intensely interested in him, though I had constant occasion to challenge his opinions, and especially to con

trast his philosophy with the revealed wisdom of God. We had spoken of these things for an hour or more one day, when I asked him if he had ever read 'The Pilgrim's Progress,' and, when I found he had not, I told him the design of the allegory, and said, We are pilgrims over these mountains, and have been cheering one another with pleasing discourse as the travelers on their way to the celestial city. They came at last in sight of its gates of pearls.' But what is that?" They had turned a shoulder of the hill, and were in front of the Rhone Glacier. "That answers," said Hein-

counted on a plentiful haul. Both and beyond when such majesty and ark for all the bay windows in town," and terribly protane, who (as they Their route led them over the said fourteen-year-old Ellis, who was said themselves afterwards) "never Grimsel and the Lake of the Dead Ellen's twin brother. "I will tell you entered a church and cared neither "The scene was wild, savage, grand something that we can turn into cash, for God nor Sa an." For the first indeed, and had there been no sun to father, and that is maple syrup. It is hour or two their luck fully equaled light it up with the lustre of heaven. early for it, I know, but there is a their expectations. Sea bass, floun- it would have been dreary and dis

warm spell predicted and I fancy we ders, black-fish, snatched their hooks mal. Heinrich had been very thought comes of it, it will only be a little lost in as fast as they could bait, and cast that my thoughts turned constantly to their lines. Then the sport came to the God who made all these moun-"Hard work, too," grumbled Jonas, a sudden stop. Not a single fish tains, while he was ever studying the

and syrup than lug sap, I had," and swore; but looking out to sea, they "'Here I will commune with na-

"But you cannot see him,' I said the buckets, and as there was a good teeth, and bitten in two. They hoist- 'I see him in the mountain and the run the first day, Ellis volunteered to ed sail, but the sharks tore the blade glacier and the flower; I hear him in stay at home from the village lyceum of their steering oar in pieces. The the torrent, and the still small voice where the rest of the family were all terrible creatures were now so thick of the rills and little waterfalls that going, and keep the sap boiling in the around the boat that they lashed the are warbling ever in our ears I feel set kettle in the further ell during the water over the sides with their tails, his presence and something of his and the men had to bail it out con- power. I beg you to stay and com-

"I left him and wandered off alone, and in an hour went down the moun-The blood from his injured jaw mad- tain, and to my chamber in the hos "Come along, then," said Mr. Ben- dened the rest, and they devoured pice. I was sitting on the bedside, arranging the flowers I had gathered Despair struck the two fishermen as during the day, when Heinrich enterless of my plan for raising ready cash," they realized the situation. They ed, and giving me his hand said to

> "He sat down by my side, and I asked him if he believed the Bible to

> "He said he did, but he would examine it by the light of history and reason, and reject what he did not

"'And do you believe that the soul of man will live hereafter?' "'I doubt,' was his desponding

"I then addressed him tenderly 'My dear young friend, I have loved ing the door, a perfect cloud of smoke ermen grasped their oars and escaped die? You doubt, but are you so well ushed into his face He jumped back. to the shore. Their deliverance satisfied with your philosophy that oringing the door, the handles of seemed to them a direct intervention you are able to look upon death of the Divine Hand, and mindful of among the mountains or by the light "The house is on fire," he gasped; their pledge, they at once, and from | ning without fear? My faith tells me where are my wits. I came near that moment, renounced all their that when I die my life and joy will losing them." Taking a silk handker- wicked practices, and lived as disci just begin, and go on in glory forever. This is the source of all my hopes, it over his mouth, and also dipping an The world might never have known and it gives me comfort now, when I old felt hat in water he drew it over this adventure, so eventful to them, think that I may never see my native his head. Thus equipped for his ser- had not a newspaper man, while re land and those I love on e rth again

> "How do you know that you shall meet?'

"'My faith, my heart, my Bible, "'And where are your children?'

"Four in America, and one in heaven. I had a boy four years ago; earth never had a fairer. His locks Rev. Hugh O Pentecost, of New- were of gold, and hung in rich curls manner before fetching water from ark, is the minister who says, "When on a neck and shoulders whiter than the brook in the garden. As he went I want a drink I take it." For the the snow; his brow was high and Healthful. Dr. Prince's Cream Baking Powback and forth he filled his lungs with soul of me I can't see anything very broad, like an intant cherub's; and his der does not contain Ammonia, Lime, or fresh air by shouting, "Fire! Fire! remarkable in that, even in a preach- eye was blue as the evening sky. Fire!" at the top of his voice, having er. He would be a fool to take a And he was lovelier than he was fair. all the time the impression that his drink when he didn't want it. But But in the budding of his beauty, he

"'Yes, he died here by my heart. ing the fire from spreading toward the drink when he doesn't want to. So And that child is the only one of This school will re-open on Monday, the main part of the house, but it was you see, my son, there is a difference mine that I am sure of ever seeing

"'If my other children grow up to

Heinrich, have you a mother, my more glorious country than Switzer-

dear friend?'

faith is the same as yours.' felt my own lips quivering as I spoke, known," and "that which is perfect" but now he burst into tears and fell has come to them. - Augustus, in N. on my breast. He kissed my lips and Y. Observer. my cheeks and my forehead, and the "Died yesterday, at four o'clock in hot tears rained on my face and mingled with my own. 'O teach me the way to feel and believe,' he said at last, as he clung to me like a frightened child, and clasped me convulsively to his heart. I held him long and tenderly, and felt for him somewhat, I hope, as Jesus did for the young man who came to him with a similar inquiry. I' loved him, and longed to lead him to the light of day.

"Heinrich proved to be a wonderful youth. He had a warm heart, and his intellect was cultivated to a degree not paralleled in my acquaintance among young men. He was just one and twenty years of age, and had not completed the usual course of collegiate education; but there was no author in the Latin or Greek languages, poet, philosopher or historian, whose works I had ever heard of, which were not familiar to him, as the English classics are to well read men in England or America. He discoursed readily of the style, the dialect, the shade of sentiment on any disputed point; he cited passages and drew illus trations from the pages of ancient literature, which seemed to him like house old words; and one of our amusements when crossing the Alps was to discuss the difference in Greek or Latin words which are usually re garded as synonymes. But classical learning was the least and lowest attainment of this accomplished youth The whole range of Natural Sciences had been pursued with a zeal that might be called a passion. Botany and Mineralogy were child's play to him; and Chemistry had been a favorite study, evidently, for its principles often came up in our rambling dis course, and he was master of it, as if he had been a teacher of the science for years. Geology was a hobby of his, and he thrust it upon me often when I wished he would let me alone, or discourse on something else. And yet, when I have said all this, I have not mentioned the department in which he was most at home, where his soul revelled in profound enjoy ment, and in which he was resolved to spend his life. Metaphysics was his favorite pursuit. His analytical mind gars. tion, challenging a reason for every thing, questioning the truth of every proposition, and never resting till his reason had subjected it to the most exhausting process. Yet in the midst of these studies, including many departments to which I have not re widest course of polite literature, pethe old masters of the English tongue. admiring Shakespeare and Milton,

ferred, as to the exact sciences, he had polished this fine intellect by the rusing in the German translations all quoting from them as a scholar would from Sophocles or Homer, and surprising me by reference to English authors whose works. I had not supposed were translated into the German language. Of course the poets and philosophers of his fatherland were his pride and love. Often he would speak of them in terms of endearment, as if they were his personal friends; though of all beings, past or present, in heaven or out of it. I think he loved Plato most. This boy was just out of his teens, a student still, and modest as he was learned; burning to learn more; asking questions till it was tiresome to hear them; and never dreaming that he knew more than others. He was the most learned young man that I ever saw. And few old men know half as much. He

to the ends of the earth." The friendship thus awakened proved to be life long. The friends journeved together through Switzerland, and came to know each other well, and, though ocean intervened, they exchanged many friendly messages as the years went by. Heinrich became a learned and honored professor, a lecturer to crowded classes and an author of many books, all of which he duly sent to his beloved associate of that Swiss summer tour. He outgrew the materialism of his early life, and his philosophical works show the impress of that devout Christian spirit which so pervaded the soul and influenced the life of "Irenæus." And now the travelers-the enthusiastic German student and the genial and loving editor-have met in the better land; their journeys are ended, and a

now joined my party leaving his own

altogether, and resolved to tollow me



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Little Paul's New Suit.

Little Paul was having a "spell. That was what nurse always called it when he was cross as X What was the matter? Why, he did

not want to wear a girl's dress any more. He was five years old. So there he was in his chamber "sulkng" behind the closet door. 'Papa didn't have to wear dresses!'

he thought, for there was a whole suit over to grandma's house, in the back chamber, that he had worn when he was a little boy. Paul thought hard for a minute; then, as soon as nurse had gone to

Grandma was in the dairy making a cheese, so he crept quietly up the back |

Yes, there they hung on a high wooden peg by the chimney. He got up on the meal chest, and then he had to ump to reach them.

But such a nice time as he had dressing! The buttons would not stay buttoned, and there was a hole in the jacket sleeve lining through which his hand would slip every time. And the pants came away down beyond his shoes. Then he rolled the legs up like lake, the hired man. But the jacket hung nearly to his heels, for papa was ten years old when he wore

Yet Paul went down and looked at himself in the duck pond, and was well pleased.

He had not gone far on his way nome when Jerry and Dick Dean, two rude boys, ran out after him from behind a high fence, and made sport and shouted.

"Daddy long-legs!" Oh, how he ran! And they did, too. The pant-legs unrolled and tripped him up and he fell into the dirty road. Well, he got to the home gate at

last, but Rover would not let him come in. He barked and growled. thinking it a little beggar, for I'm sorry to say that Rover did not like beg-

bade him go away. Poor Paul! He could not bear any more. He leaned his head on the fence and cried.

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