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For the N. C. Christian Advocate. Conference Boundaries.

MR. EDITOR :- A question of con- ence deliberations. siderable importance to the interest and And while I pray God to bless the prosperity of our Church South, is now church universally, I also pray him to being somewhat agitated in Western bless very especially my good old State North Carolina : viz, 'Should the Con-ferences continue as they are, bounded the State is the garden spot, and we by the Disciplinary lines, or should want to have our garden attached to each one claim its own territory, lying within the boundary of its State lines? Now, sir, I am decidedly in favor of the field may receive vegetation from the latter proposition; and in a few our garden. Let the thing be tried. hurried remarks upon this vital ques-

tion, I shall present some few reasons for my opinion. I once knew a young man, (sometime a member of S. C. Conference,) who was born, reared

NABAL. For the N. C. C. Advocate. An Incident and its Results.

If we meet as brethren of one State,

we meet as brethren politically as well

spiritually. We shall then be freed

ftom those afflictive conflictions arising

from sectional feeling, which sometimes

disturb the smooth flow of our Confer-

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and converted in Western N. C.; in MR. EDITOR : The reception of the those healthy regions where sickness is numbers of your really interesting sheet almost a stranger. This young man which you were so kind as to send me, was licensed to prsach in that part of has had the effect of again reminding our State which is under the control of me of an incident which transpired a the S. C. Conference; was taken from few months since: and which, though his healthful locality and thrust down | apparently trivial, aptly illustrates the upon one of the sickly circuits of that consequences sometimes evolved by the Conference, where no one not acclima- merest trifle, and to demonstrate that ted, can spend one year without being the humblest individual-the Invalid more or less affected with the malaria upon his couch-may sometimes find so prevalent there, and the consequence an opportunity for implanting a seed has been, that he has become a wreck in a fertile spot which will expand of a man, upon the hands of his friends and bring fruit to the glory of his God, and family. Though he bade fair, and the benefit of his race.

when first thrust out into the field, of Our mutual friend, Rev. Mr. Welbeing an ornament to society, and a lons, of the Christian Sun, in a packblessing to the Church, he is now doom- age of his old exchanges, (which he, ed to a premature grave, or at least, to knowing how great a desideratum even some extent, brought under the neces- a stale newspaper is to me in my lonesity of spending a suffering existence liness, occasionally sends me,) chanced to the close of his carcer. He is now to transmit the first copy of the Advoby no means capable of discharging cate, which I have had the privilege of those ministerial functions in which he perusing. While yet it was upon my so much delighted, and in the discharge pillow, a young friend from an adjacent of which he secured the friendship of so many strangers, who in Eternity's day tian and enthusiastic Methodist, was will rise up and call him blessed. Three incidentally my guest, and while examyears he traveled, preached, prayed, ining the various periodicals scattered wept, and exhorted his fellow-men to over my couch, (which a facetious repentance, but the worm of disease has friend calls the Neighborhood Circuladestroyed the root of his health, and he ting Library) chanced to select this now weeps his work unfinished. In this copy ; and on discovery that it was the young man's case, see the fac simile organ of the N. C. Methodists, and of many similar ones; all of which published under the umbrages of their might have been avoided by keeping Conference, expressed his astonishment those brethren in their own healthy that a paper of this character should State, until by toil and exposure their be published as near home and yet have constitutions had become prepared for so effectually escaped his observation. less healthy regions. Having already digested its contents But I have a more potent reason for myself, I requested him to take it with thinking as I do upon this question .- him, and after having perused it at his There are State feelings deeply lodged leisure, to circulate it among his friends. in the heart of every man, which naith The set in ligence which Thed of er time nor circumstances can entirely my young friend announced that he uproot. We love our nativity-the land was engaged as a Colporteur in one of of our birth. All our youthful, playful the lower counties of the Old North hours were spent about the old home- State; and on glancing at the list of stead, and thither our thoughts return, Receipts in another issue of the Advounforbidden Who does not indulge in cate which I casually received, my atsuch feelings and thoughts? Yea, rath- tention was arrested by his name, acer, who does not strive to cultivate them? credited with the amount of several Now, sir, the preacher in another State, subscriptions. My mind intuitively going round and round his circuit, can- reverted to the incident which I have not avoid the feeling that he is cultiva- narrated, and while remembering his ting another field, at the expense of earnest and indefatigable industry and neglecting his own ; while his own field his sincere devotion to those tenets of is entrusted to the hands of a stranger. which you are the able exponent, I His youthful interests all lie in his could contemplate this as only the prenative State, and he longs, too, to be cursor of many similar remittances in the dim future ! there. Do we not desire the Political and And now, my brother, who will dare civil prosperity of our country ? Do we to predict what an incalculable amount not all feel and know that, that can of good may emanate from this simbe only in proportion to the spread of ple casualty? what a stream of bene-Evangelical truth among the people ? faction, broad, deep and strong, And whom, I ask, would any man may flow from this little fountain ?trust sooner than himself to carry this Who can tell into how many benighted truth among his kindred ? I know that, households it may be the means of your in the amount of territory contained in entering, the benignant messenger of any one State, a man might stand more, truth and virtue, scattering your genial chances of being sent home some time rays upon their sin-stained altars and than in that territory containing more chasing away the sombre shades of igthan one State. norance and guilt? Who can tell how I know not what other States believe many wayward youths it may ultimateand think about this thing, but I do ly reclaim from the perilous paths of know that Western N. C., will soon de- temptation, like prodigal sons to the mand of other Conferences, her own bosom of an intelligent Father ? State territory. The Western Rail Nor is this an isolated instance ; and Road extension, together with all the I might, with pride and satisfaction, other rapidly advancing improvements designate several other journals whose of the State, demand this at the hands | ci: culation, I have in the same manner of her sons. Long ! yea, too long have been the humble instrument of extendwe as a State lam under the paralyzing ing, thus partially liquidating a debtof influence of calumny and reproach from gratitude which I owe to their publish abroad. The text books for our Schools ers, for whose generosity I am deeply and Academies, compiled by strangers grateful. And be assured I shall not for the perusal of our sons and daugh- eonceal the Advocate in a 'napkin;' alters, contained upon their faces the ready it is making the tour of the foul, belying epithets that North Caro- neighborhood, winning new admirers, lina was only fit to produce Tur, Pitch feretting out new friends and patrons, and Turpentine. She has at length and if you do not in the end 'receive awakened from her lethargic slumber, your own with usury,' it shall not be and addressed herself to the multigen. for the want of, but rather in despite of erous interests of her children. Schools, my best efforts. Academies, and Colleges are raising And in the conclusion, I hope I shall their heads in almost every portion of escape the charge of insincerity, if I the State, and her sons are taught that express the hope that you may continreligion, liberty, and science are con- ue the faithful and efficient Advocate stellations in the heavens, which visit of a pure Christianity as the only basis in succession all the kingdoms and peo- of man's redemption. For though I ple of this globe.

never so much contracted as not to be For the N. C. Christian Advocate. able to embrace them all, even as heav-Rev. R. T. Heflin: I see in your en is large enough to accomodate us all. last issue, in the historical sketch of Then I care not beneath what banner Methodism in N. C., an enquiry reyou go forth to battle; so long as I see specting "McKnight's Church," at 'Christ and his Lamb' inscribed upon its which an annual Conference was held folds, I can bid you God speed ! on "Saturday, April 11," 1789.

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INVALID. For the N. C. Christian Advocate. "McKnight's Church" was located near the Yadkin river, in Davidson county, (at that time, however, it was Baptismal Regeneration.

Rowan county,) two miles south of BRO. HEFLIN: In reading an edito- Clemmonsville, about one mile to the rial of yours under the caption "Rite left of the road going on to Mocksville, of Confirmation," in your last issue, Davie county. It was a substantial my thoughts were turned upon the ab-surdity of the doctrine of Baptismal Regeneration, as held and taught by High Churchmen. I felt astonished that intelligent men could be so duped with such religious nonsense. My astonish- and on the increase of the Society ment however subsided on reflecting up-on its origin. I remembered that it was a vestage of a family of errors ing, and determined to build a larger born at a time when the minds of men and more convenient one. This was were given to superstition. Macaulay soon effected, and named MT. PLEAgives an account of a curious and pop-ular superstition which pervaded the far distant from the old church.*

church of England as late as the first There was another Conference held of the 18th century. He represents at McKnight's church in the year "one as an objection on the part of his sub- thousand eight hundred and two," as I jects to the Prince of Orange that he have it in proof in a parchment for sneered at a practice which then pre- Deacon's Orders, executed by "Richvailed and was held by high ecclesias- ard Whatcoal, one of the Bishops of tical authority in the Church-'the the Methodist Episcopal Church, in practice of touching for the scrofula,' America." As this is a relie of olden by the King, the head of the Church. times, I will here insert it.

When I remembered that superstition I felt some comfort in the hope that the That I, Richard Whatcoal, one of the work of reformation was going on in Bishops of the Methodist Episcopal that church, though gradually, yet Church, in America, under the protecsurely, for as that had been dropped, tion of Almighty God, and with a sinbaptismal regeneration would be after gle cye to his glory, by the imposition a while, as light becomes diffused. I will of my hands and prayer, have this day give an account of that 'practice' in Set apart JOHN DOUB, for the office of Macaulay's own language: 'This cere- a Deacon in the said Methodist Epismony, he says thad come down almost copal Church, a man whom I judge to unaltered from the darkest of the dark be well qualified for that work : And I ages to the time of Newton and Locke. do hereby recommend him to all whom The Stuarts frequently dispensed the it may concern, as a proper person to healing influences in the Banqueting administer Baptism, Marriage, and the House. The days on which this mira- Burial of the Dead, in the absence of cle was to be wrought were fixed at an Elder, and to feed the flock of Christ. sittings of the Privy Council, and were so long as his spirit and practice are solemnly notified by all the clergy in such as becometh the gospel of Christ. all the parish churches in the realm .--- " In testimony whereof, I have here-ral divines in full canonicals stood day of January, in the year of our Lord, round the canopy of state. The sur- one thousand eight hundred and two. geon of the royal househould intro-" RICHARD WHATCOAL, [seal]. "North Carolina, Rowan county." luced the sick. A passage from the Instead of "McKnight's Church' sixteenth chapter of the Gospel of Saint Mark was read. When the words and Mt. Pleasant, preaching has been They shall lay their hand on the sick removed to Clemmonsville, as one of and they shall recover' had been pro- the regular appointments of the (now) nounced, there was a pause and one of the sick was brought up to the King. Forsythe circuit. His Majesty stroked the ulcers and sequent period, I propose to give a sucswellings and hung round the patient's cinct history of the introduction, proneck a white riband to which was fas- gress, and present prospects of Methtened a gold coin. The other sufferers odism in the middle counties of Weswere then led up in succession, and as tern N. C., and also some other couneach was touched the chaplain repeat- ties bordering on Virginia. There are ed the incantation, "They shall lay many incidents connected with early their hands on the sick and they shall Methodism in that region of country, recover." Then came the epistle, which, if carefully noted, would be of prayers, antiphonies and a benediction. great interest to those who feel any The service may still be found in the concern for the honor and integrity of prayer books of the reign of Anne .- Methodism. Indeed it was not till sometime after I would be pleased to receive comthe accession of George the first, that munications respecting the carlier pethe University of Oxford ceased to re- riods of the introduction of Methodism. print the Office of Healing together from the following brethren, who may with the Liturgy. Theologians of em- obtain all the facts of history in this inent learning, ability and virtue gave regard, in their respective counties : the sanction of their authority to this Rev. Henry Asbury, of Lincoln ; Rev. mummery; and what is stranger still, James Purvis, of Wilkes; Rev. James medical men of high note believed or Patterson, of Iredell; Rev. Wm. A. affected to believe in the baloamic vir- Robic, near Huntsville, of Yadkin co. : tues of the royal hand." He says that Richard Gwinn, Esq., Surry ; Rev. Mi-Charles the Second, in the course of chael Doub, of Forsythe; and Col. J. his reign, touched near a hundred thous- Gibson, of Stokes. Communications and persons. The number seems to from them, directed to me at Rockinghave increased or diminished as the ham, Richmond county, will be gladly king's popularity rose or fell. During received. Will the Rev. William Barthat Tory reaction which followed the ringer, P. E. of the Salisbury District, desolation of the Oxford Parliament, also furnish me with facts on this subthe press to get near him was terriffic. ject? In 1682 he performed the rite eight | Brother Heflin, I have long thought thousand five hundred times. In 1684 that a carefully written history of the throng was such that six or seven Methodism in the Old North State. of the sick were trampled to death .- would be of great service and interest James, in one of his progresses, touched to our common cause ; and have deeight hundred persons in the choir of sired, that some one capable of doing the Cathedral of Chester. William, so would attend to it soon. Soon, or it Prince of Orange, the wisest ruler Eng- will never be done. Those who can land ever had, sneered at the thing .- furnish the facts, will in a short time Macauly says he "had too much sense leave the scenes of this life. Yours affectionately, to be duped and too much honesty to bear a part in what he knew to be an PETER DOUB. Rockingham, May 4th, 1857. imposture.' 'It is a silly superstition' he exclaimed when he heard that at the close of Lent, his palace was be-as it was) his first sermon in this new house, * The writer of this article, delivered (such sieged by a crowd of the sick. ' Give the second Sunday in January, 1818. He the poor creatures some money and has frequently preached there since. It is send them away !' On one single occa- now one of the oldest churches in all that sion he was importuned into laying his country, and used only on funeral occasions. + Date faded so as to be entirely effaced. hand on a patient. 'God give you better health,' he said, 'and more sense.' For the N. C. Christian Advocate. Parents of scrofulus children cried EDUCATION. out against his cruelty; bigots lifted "single blessedness." up their hands and eyes in horror at BRO. HEFLIN: In my last article, his impiety; Jacobites sarcastically the question was propounded, could the praised him for not presuming to arro-gate to himself a power which belonged one, I shall commence to answer it in

and influence of the ministry. There must be a leading spirit in this, as in all other enterprises. The preachers "A Religion for all Weathers." by their calling, position and attain-

ments, are pre-eminently qualified to There is a fishing village on the coast of lead in this work. They can appreci- Cornwall, where the people are very poor, ate its importance ; they have oppor- but pious and intelligent. Last year they tunities to know the best means to ac- were sorely tried. The winds were contracomplish it; they have access to the ry, and for nearly a month they could not confidence of the people, and a right to expect their co operation. It is their duty, solemn and imperative, made so by the authority of the church, and by the word of God, and enforced by a the word of God, and enforced by a proper understanding of their relation poor -'

to God, the church and the country.— 'But if,' said a sturdy fisherman, start-Then the work is to be accomplished ing up and speaking aloud, 'surely, neighthrough schools located in every neigh- bors, you're not going with your buts and borhood. Can this be done? It can. ifs to break God's law?

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turning, a sudden storm sprang up, that

raged terribly for two days. After the tempest came settled weather, and the pil-chard fishery was so rich and abundant

Poor Little Jim.

But the assertion must be taken with a qualification-it must be a mixed he added, 'Mine's a religion for all weathschool-all the boys and girls in the ers, fair wind and foul. This is the love vicinity must be necessary to sustain it; and at this point we meet the great dif-for the Sabbath day to keep it holy;' that's and at this point we meet the great dif-ficulty, great, because a prejudice in the garb of virtue, professing and loudly chair ich and have his frown. Go, you claiming to be the guardian of female that dare; but I never knew any good come purity. Unless this prejudice be re- of a religion that changed with the wind." moved, them asses, especially in the These words in season stayed the purmore sparsely settled regions, can never pose of the rest. They went home and be educated ; hence, to remove this ob- made ready for the house of God, and spent stacle, will be he aim of my next article. the day in praise and prayer. In the evening, just when they would have been re-

For the N. O. Christian Advocate. Whom shall I Marry ?

that there was soon no complaining in the village. Here was a religion for all weath-This is the all-absorbing question ers. Remember the words, "Trust in the with these who contemplate entering Lord and do good, and verily thou shalt be the connubial state, and have not yet saved.'

decided with whom to unite. Getting to Heaven by the way of New Other things hold a subordinate re-Orleans. lation to this important subject, and are

often neglected by the anxious inquirer The Philadelphia correspondent of the who feels the importance of making a New York Sunday Dispatch gives the fol-

wise choice. This is excusable, if in connection with this solicitude, right We have a Methodist preacher who is a views are entertained, and proper jolly wag A few days since a young man dren have learned, conquered you .---

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Is Christ in the House ?

The Rev. Dr. Nettleton, while passing the residence of a gentleman in one of his walks, went up to the door and knocked. A young woman came to the door, of whom he inquired, " if Jesus dwelt there." Quite astonished, she made no reply. Again he asked, 'Does Jesus Christ dwell in this house?' "No, sir," said she, and invited him to come in.

"O no," said he, very sadly ; "if Christ is not here, I can't come in,' and then turned, and went away.

The next time he preached in that ity, a young woman met him as he was leaving the church, and with tears in her eyes, asked if he recollected inquiring at a house if Christ dwelt there. "Yes," said he, "I do."

"I am that person," said she, " of whom you inquired, and it has been blessed to my soul."

Far the Children.

" I Can't Get my Lesson."

' O dear, I shall never get this lesson ! It's awful hard, and I'll give it

So said young Fred Faintheart tho other day as he sat with his elbow on the table, one hand in his hair and the other turning down dog's-cars in his book. And then he gave such a yawn that his mouth seemed stretched from ear to ear-almost. His mother was startled by the noise, and said :

"Why, Freddy, what is the matter?"

"O, nothing, only I can't learn this lesson. It is tougher than a pine-knot, and I shall give it up," replied the boy pettishly.

"Give it up, Freddy? Never, my son. Don't let it be said that a little lesson, which a thousand other chil-Remember the ant that cheered the Tartan conqueror, Timour, and master your lesson. " Tell me about the ant, mather." "Timour," said his mother, was once forced to flee from his enemies .---He hid in a ruined building, and gave way to feelings of sadness. Presently he saw an ant toiling to carry a piece of food to its cell in the old wall. But its load was too heavy, Timour saw it roll back with its load sixty-nine times ! But the seventieth time it carried its point. The unfailing energy of this ant cheered the rough soldier, and restored his courage. It is said he never forgot the lesson he learned from his little teacher." "Well done, little ant !" exclaimed Freddy; "I'll treat my lesson as you did your food. I guess I can get it after all.' And Freddy did get his lesson. A little effort conquered it, and he jumped up with a laugh in his eye, shouting as he leaped across the floor and saying : "Hurrah ! Hurrah ! I've got my lesson !" The next Sabbath Freddy's teacher looked at him with a pleasant smile at the close of a well-said lesson. That smile passe dlike sunlight into the boy's heart, and I believe he seldom failed after that to conquer his lessons. I wish all the Freddies in my Advocate family would catch the persevering spirit, as he did, from Timour's ant.

J. H. BRENT. May 9th, 1857.

The Western counties are ripe for mas of that religious faith of which you years form the greater part of your And see, his wife has joined him-the strick-And look into her eyes, only to legitimate sovereigns, and even the affirmative. It cannot be done And remember all I said to her. life. They appear so when they are With hearts bowed down by sadness, they this undertaking ; and to convince any are a candid and fearless expounder, I some Whigs thought he acted unwisely through colleges or high schools, for to man, and all men of this fact, let but rejoice I am yet sufficiently charitable And all her sweet rep in treating with such marked contempt a superstition which had a strong hold have access: they are absolutely expassing; they seem to have been so humbly ask of Him the trial be made, by allowing each cir as to invoke success for every effort when we look back to them ; and they In Heaven once more to meet again their own And then I'll ask the angel which seeks the extension of 'the borcuit to vote as it chooses. on the vulgar mind; but William was not to be moved, and was accordingly be by schools established in every neighpoor little Jim. To take me back to you take up more room in our memory than He'll bear me, slow and steadily, all the years that succeed them. These remarks, Mr. Editor, though ders of Zion.' And while it is natural Down through the other blue. CHEAP ORNAMENTS .--- When Dr. Frank-If this be so, how important that they made with reference to the general for me to feel a keener interest in the set down by many high Churchmen as borhood, where the pupils can board at should be passed in planting good prin- lin was in Paris, his daughter, Mrs. Bache, good, as I conceive, of our church, and success of the 'little few' with which my either an infidel or a puritan." I re- bornoou, where the pupils can been and And you'll only think, dear mother, ciples, cultivating good tastes, strength- wrote to him for a supply of feathers and in the kindest feelings for brethren that lot was cast in life's young morning, I peat, may we not hope that the time home, where the children, male and fe-I have been out to play, ening good habits and fleeing all those thread lace. The doctor declined in the And have gone to sleep beneath a tree, differ with me in opinion, may call forth, abhor frommy inmost soul the Moloch of to which all the children, male and fe-will come when the clear light of reas-on and revelation will shear away the last lingering shadow of the supersti-tions of the dark ages, which now hang about the teachings of "the only true Church." N. F. R. to which all the children, male and fe-male, can have access. Until this is done, the masses can never be educated, though there was an endowed college in every county. The establishment of such schools depends upon the efforts twenty will take good care of you. pleasures which lay up bitterness and following characteristic note: This sultry summer day. as in other instances, a species of re- Sectarianism; and while I have affec-..... proof from able pens, not overcharged tionate parents, kind brothers and sisters Cheerfulness is a test of virtue and good with Christian feeling. If so, be this and beloved friends sitting within the health. When a man begins to turn rascal he grows hollow eyed and amazingly thoughtmy answer: As I am a sufferer in the pale of all the varied communions around premises, I have a right to speak. — me, I pray God that my heart may be

means used to accomplish the desired who had been attached to his church, and object. But it often happens that false who was about to leave for New Orleans, notions are suffered to influence the de- came to bid his pastor farewell. 'And so cision, and a choice is made which you are going to the degraded place. New proves fatal to the happiness sought by Orleans, are you?' 'Yes, sir; but I don't expect to be influenced by any extraneous Then, how important is it that this pressure of any kind,' responded the young the victim.

man, with considerable carnestness. 'Well, step be taken with due consideration, I am glad to see you so confident. But do proceeding from pure motives. Mar- you know the temptations which exist riage is calculated to increase the hap there?' 'Not particularly, sir.' 'Well, I piness of those who are suited to each do. You'll find wanton women in the other, but wo to the couple who expect guise of perils, tempting the very elect; to find it without a proper regard to and rare wines and ardent drinks; and this important requisition. Without you'll find gay company and night brawlit, wealth, beauty, nor fame can pur- ing, and gambling and dissipation, and runchase happiness, for alas! it has been 'Still, sir, I hope to combat these success tried. But there is a way to avoid making tian brother,' was the reply, 'I hope you fully.' 'I hope you will, my dear chris-

egregious mistakes in matters of this will. And let me give you this much for sort, and I would call the attention of your consolation in case you should fall those interested, to the subject ; believ- from grace : the tempter is worse than the ing that it is not, as some suppose, a sin, and the greater the temptation the matter of chance, but of Providential more merit there is in resisting it. The man who goes to Heaven by the way of results.

God has endowed us with social af- New Orleans is sure to have twice as high fections, and also with reason to govern a place in eternal glory as he who reaches those affections; but to cultivate one Paradise through the quiet portals of Conwithout the aid of the other, will be to necticut or Pennsylvania."

defeat his purposes in regard to our happiness. He has instituted this relation for our good, and such it proves to be when in accordance with his re- The cottage was a thatched one, the outside

old and mean, vealed will. But all within that little cot was wondrous Then, the most important step to be neat and clean : taken is this-Make it a matter of ear- The night was dark and stormy, the wind was howling wild, nest prayer, and seek to know the will As a patient mother sat beside the death-bed of God. "Commit thy ways unto Him of her child: and He shall direct thy paths." Sure- A little worn-out creature, his once bright ly there is no subject on which we need eyes grown dim. Divine guidance more than this, being It was a collier's wife and child, they called him little Jim; so intimately connected with our pre-And oh! to see the briny tears fast hurrying sent and future happiness. down her cheek, As she offered up the prayer, in thought, she Do not make up your mind first, and was afraid to speak, then ask God to sanction your choice ; Lest she might waken one she loved far betbut ask him to direct your mind and ter than her life; affections, and see that you follow the For she had all a mother's heart, had that poor collier's wife. directions of His providence, and he With hands uplifted, see, she kneels beside will surely lead you in the way of light the sufferer's bed, and peace. And prays that He would spare her boy, and How many unfortunate marriages take herself instead. have taken place even among professors She gets her answer from the child : soft fall the words from him, of religion, because they have taken Mother, the angels do so smile, and beckon the matter into their own hands, and little Jim. failed to seek direction from God. I have no pain, dear mother, now, but oh ! I In this matter the Ohristian has the am so dry, advantage of the sinner, if he will avail Just moisten poor Jim's lips again, and, mother, don't you cry." With gentle, trembling haste she held the lihimself of his privilege. The Christian lady has also equal quid to his lip ;

advantages with the gentleman, having He smiled to thank her, as he took each little, tiny sip. the same kind Providence directing her Tell father, when he comes from work, I destiny. If God sees it will be best said good night to him.

for her to marry, it will be easy enough And, mother, now I'll go to sleep." Alas! poor little Jim ! for him to send the right one. She knew that he was dving ; that the child

But notwithstanding marriage was she loved so dear. instituted by God himself, it does not Had uttered the last words she might ever

necessarily follow that he would have hope to hear, all to marry; and if he fails to open The cottage door is opened, the collier's step

dence that we may serve him better The father and the mother meet, yet neither under some circumstances, in a state of He felt that all was over, he knew his child

E. was dead. He took the candle in his hand and walked

toward the bed ; THE FIRST TWENTY YEARS .--- Live His quivering lips gave taken of the grief he'd as long as you may, the first twenty fain conceal.

..... A Child's Thoughts.

The idea which runs through these lines, and which is so beautifully and naturally carried out, it is said was expressed by a boy five years old. The whole piece is true to a child's faney.

O, I long to lie, dear mother, On the cool and fragrant grass, With notning but the sky above my head, And the shadowing clouds that pass.

And I want the bright, bright sunshine, All round about my bed; Pil close my eyes and God will think Your little boy is dead !

Then Christ will send an angel To take me up to him ; He will bear me, slow and steady, Far through the other dim.

He will gently, gently lay me Close to the Savior's side, And when I'm sure that we're in heaven, My eyes I'll open wide ;

And I'll look among the angels That stand about the throne. 'Till I find my sister Mary, For I know she must be one.

And when I find her, mother, We will go away alone, And I will tell her how we've mourned All the while she has been gone !

Oh ! I shall be delighted To hear her speak again-Though I know she'll ne'er return to us-

To ask her would be vain. So I'll put my arms around her,

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