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Every leaf of the forest that falls to the gound, where the road was gone. Having left Every flower that is fading and drooping Mrs. V. with her father, we employed And the transient existence of every sweet a clever fellow, a Mr. Hunter, an 'old

Every breeze, as it wings with its sad, fleet- be, we set out a little after 7 o'clock, Every vapor that darkens the cerulean sky. And every dear moment that flies swiftly by, through ere stopping. Go through we Remind me that soon I must die.

Remind me that soon I must die,

Soon I Must Die.

The dew of the morn, that suffuseth the flower, The decline of the sun at the day's dying

Ramind me that soon I must die. The beautiful snow, as it melts 'neath the

The silvery streams that to old ocean run; Remind me that soon I must die.

The marble, the mattock, the shroud and the Remind me that soon I must die.

Oh merciful heaven! May I be impressed Shall weary in beating and seek its long That soon—very soon—I must die! A. W. M.

Original.

A trip to the Mountains.

Tenn. We meandered along the French best of fish. But old Time in her swift-Broad, through splendid farms and by winged charriot, said nay. What say complish more than infidel France to-

holden at the Col's, that night. Of this briers growing around it were stunted. we were very glad; for we wanted to and the berries were small, green and see a congregation gathered from the hard. Descending on the other side, hills and gorges of the mountains, and | we wound on the rock ribbed sides of the to hear a 'native' preacher. Quite a mountain, round the heads of deep respectable congregation came out on gulches and ravines, one on the verge horse-back, and on foot; a plain, hardy, of precipices, down which it made the clever looking set of folks. The preach- head dizzy to look and the bottom of er of that church attended. The sermon our feet ache! He who is ambitious to was well meant, and affectionately de travel the roughest road this side of the livered, but-well it was a nondescript. Rocky mountains and who desires to A few Methodists were out: Col. E. see the wildest freaks of nature, and and family are members of our church. some of her grandest scenery, let him The two churches divide the communi- travel the road from Burnsville in Yanty. Where is it that Methodists go not? cy, to Jonesboro' down the Toe and Where is it that they do not share with | Chucky rivers, over the Iron mountain every denomination in the glorious and through the Greasy cove! work of gathering souls into the fold of | The land in places, along this route Christ? What valley or gorge or moun- is very rich. The larger portion of it tain site or top, what plain or prairie is too broken to be successfully tilled. vast, or sea shore nook, what river bot- The hardy sons of these regions, howtom or swamp, hamlet or city full, ever, fell the mighty trees and till the where immortal souls dwell, where they sides of the mountains, where they are have not gone and gathered trophies to so steep that a lowlander would have to the cross of Christ? Brighter must be rest oft, simply walking up them .the crowns of the Wesleys and their Why, one gentleman, when asked, how

| could not pass over it on wheels. But | we replied that we were young Ameri-For the N. C. Christian Advocate. ca, and go over it we would, if we should have to take our vehicle to pieces and toat it over or round the places stager' well aequainted with the road, to go with us, and having procured some tools for working our way, if need A. M., with the determination to go did after hard toiling, reaching Jones boro' about an hour after dark. The road-I cannot describe it. Landglides in two places had taken away a And the earth-seeking drops of the pattering part of it, in one place, not leaving space enough for a carriage to pass. Mr. II. said he could drive on the face of an inclined rock, close on the edge of the chasm, down which the road had tumbled. Well, he did, by whipping He passed the danger by a hair's breath. We were not riding then. In

And the fast hiding beams of the stars and the horse on the lower side, a la jehu. The voice of the past as it steals on my ear, other places the road was washed away, The close of each day -each month and each gone; yes gone, leaving interminable beds of rocks, immense and little, of granite and quartz. For miles we wound our way over the right bank of Toe river, a beautiful stream, clear almost as crystal, about fifty yards wide. With the truth, that ere long, this heart in We could see the bottom in 10 or 15 feet water Mr. H. informed us that he had gigged fish, settled on the bottem by the rocks, at the depth of 12 or 15 feet. He, and a friend of his, he assured us, teok 70 out of one hole, at one morning fishing spell. Think of that : gigging fish in 15 feet water, and For the N. C. Christian Advocate. taking 70 at a time! Nor were they ing any thing with a day of rest and large and imposing delegation, representing minnows and little perch, but noble repose. The bodies of man and beast almost every School District in the county, horse and jacks. In one of its tributa- need the hour of rest. The mind needs came forward and scated themselves. After a sojourn of several days, we ries, a large creek, running down from it. Above all the soul needs it. God After the meeting was organized and left Ashville with regret. We shall never forget the beautiful and grand to our right, he informed us that the never forget the beautiful and grand to our right, he informed us that the never forget the beautiful and grand to our right, he informed us that the new processes and given it to us—to all men. He has made it to us—to all men. scenery with which it is environed, and speckled trout abounded, and that he be a holy day that we might feel the meeting, read a letter from Rev. C. H. which we were received and entertain- would bite as fast as we could bait the to a faithful observance of it. ed. By the kind invitation of Bro. hook and take them off. Oh, how we Vance, who was going to New York to wanted to turn aside and spend a day purchase goods, we took a seat in his or two in the sport of taking in or pullprivate conveyance to Jonesboro,' ing out rather, and feasting upon this

fair fields of grass and clover, abound- you to making up a party next summer ing with fat cattle, for a few miles from to go over and take a few of them? Asheville; thence turned to the right, At length, we crossed Baney River, taking the main road to Burnsville, the just at its mouth, a bold clear stream, County seat of Yancy. We passed in running down from the Black mountain, sight of the famous Reem's creek camp which we had left far behind us. The ground, at which, a session of the Hols- two form Chucky river, down which ton Conference was held a few years our route lay for twenty miles, occaago. A camp meeting was to come of sionally directing as some mountain there in two or three weeks, to stay overhanging the water, would drive us and attend which, we were earnestly so- away. This is the prettiest stream of water, surely in the world; 70 or 80 Work in our charge, and loved ones at yards wide, in some places 100, clear Work in our charge, and loved ones at home, whispered in our ears, no. This is a beautiful, rich, broken country.—
Broken? a lowlander would exclaim, 'Mountainous!' and, after being joited 'Mountainous!' and, after being joited 'Mountainous!' and, after being joited that wave their evergreens above us as the morning light, rolling at a rapid rate over pebbly sands and by eliciting. They run six days—no seven days in the week. The sabbath is thus annulled, repealed and annihilated just as actually by christianized America, by Methodist Bantist Enisconal Presbyover interminable rocks, and carried that wave their evergreens above us, as up and down hills at an angle of thirty if grateful for the ceaseless stream. A or thirty-five degrees, occasionally, little below the mouth of Baney river perhaps, forty and forty-five, would we crossed to the left bank, down which wish for the dull plains, the almost in- we descended below the Emory Iron | the facts before his eyes. Who will | ART. 1st. This association, in concert terminable, and certainly intolerable Works. We crossed the Iron mountain sand-beds, and fair forests of the low on this side of the river, some half mile country. Well, every one to their own from it, the summit of which, forms the taste, as the old woman said, when she dividing line between North Carolina kissed her cow! Give me the pure air, and Tennessee. For three miles we the limpid water, the beautiful, sub- went up higher and higher, till at length lime scenery of the 'hill country.' The when we reached the crest, we were second day, early in the afternoon, we nearly 4000 feet above the level of the reached the residence of Col. McElroy, ocean. Grand, sublime was the scene the fatherin-law of Bro. Vance, where that broke upon the eye in every direca few hours repose of a pleasant night's tion. Mountain after mountain lifted sleep wonderfully refreshed us. Col. their granite brows, or bald peaks, or McE. lives in a cottage in a narrow val- evergreens wreathed above each other, lev. surrounded by low mountains- until some mighty one shut out the high, perhaps, you would call them .- view by kissing the blue of heaven .-The pure cold air came down from them Just on the line dividing the two States. soon after night-fall, which made us a dilapidated log hut showed that some think of a November night in Raleigh. onehad been impelled with the ambitious The Rev. Mr. Wheeler, a Free-Will motive of living in two States at once: Baptist, had appointed a meeting to be or perhaps by a bad one. Blackberry

sons in the gospel when Christ shall be planted his corn on the side of the come to make up his jewels. mountain, replied, 'I shoot it in with The road from Col. McElroy's, eight a shot gun! How do you till it? 'I

miles West of Burnsvelle, to Jonesboro, goes round about three miles, and comes is thirty-four miles, and runs through over the top and ties a rope around my the most broken, wild country, perhaps, waiste, fastens it to a tree and lets mythat any road traverses in N. C., or self down and hoes it !! But 60, and Tenn. The road was in desperate con- 75, and 100 bushels of corn to the acre, dition from recent hard rains. Indeed and a yield of wheat, oats potatoes, on some of the mountain sides, over- &c., in proportion, amply repay them hunging creeks and rivers, or deep for their toil. There is not much wealth gorges, a part of the road was gone, however, till we get within 12 or 15 washed away, had slidden down into the miles of Jonesboro.' Here the moundepths below. We were told that we tains dwindle to hills, and a sharp un- bounds of the North Carolina Confer occasion.

and the route via Lynchburg and Pe- session of your Conference. tersburg in my next.

Everettsville, Aug. 29. For the N. C. Christian Advocate. Rail Road on the Sabbath-A Nation-

al Sin.

Pagan Greece had her feast days, was greatly revived. her sacred days, her days of joy and song, of sacrifice and worship to the Gods. Heathen Rome had her Saturnalia; her days of feast and national jubilation; her days made sacred by ostensible worship to the deities who protected her commonwealth, or gave her arms success in war, or crowned her eagles with the glory of her hundred victories. The ness, where the rights of religion were Association.

ligation of the holy sabbath, and yet ly elected, viz: we profane it openly, publicly. We virtually annul it by a legislative action, implicit if not explicit. We acwards its actual annihilation. She repealed it by the action of her house of chambers sitting in public council for the nation, and went forth in a dest the following preamble and perate consistency to plead it under the law of the national curse. We which after being read and explained, was do-what? Our legislative bodies unanimously adopted, viz: pass laws for the construction of rail We, the undersigned, in order to proreads, and other public works, the leg- mote the cause of Education, and especial devilish days. Who will deny it, with | viz : by the public monies, chartered and sociation of the State of North Carolina. church, we say prayers, we preach, we successor is chosen.

example in this matter. They ought duties as are necessary. doned-this Rail Road travel on the mands. J. F. PEARSON. Hillsboro', N. C.

For the N. C. Christian Advocate. "Marriage as it is and as it Should Be."

ed that it is 'destined to a wide circulation and a permanent demand in the sold well, where it has been tried; and the Association at its regular mee ings.

dulating country meets the eve, over ence. Perhaps you will not regard it which laxuriant corn and green grass as a trespass upon your kindness, if I wave. A rich farming, grazing country ask you to say to your readers that a supply of the work will be found at Of Jonesboro' and the Valley of Va., Goldsborough, during the approaching

I have recently closed a very interesting meeting at Shepherd's, King and Queen circuit. It lasted ten days and was honored all the time with the cheering tokens of the presence of the Great Head of the church. Twentyfour whites and two colored persons professed conversion, and the church

Yours in Christ. JOHN BAYLEY. Essex, Va., Sept. 14, 1857.

> For the N. C. Christian Advocate. Educational Meeting.

WILKSBORO', N. C., Aug. 4th, 1857. Pursuant to previous appointment, a large and respectable, aumber or the citiwild and warlike north men, the rude Court House, on Tuesday, the 4th day of zens of Wilkes county assembled in the and reckless Scythian, had too, their August, 1857, to take into consideration days in which the altars of earth and the Educational interests of our county, stone smoked with the incense that and especially to form a County Educawent up in honor to Odim and Thor. tional Association, in accordance with the France, in her hours of blood and dark- plan proposed by the State Educational

violated with a reckless audacity, where On motion of Dr. A. A. Scoggs, Chairthe ordinance of the church was spurned by the heel of infidelity, when the Wilkes county, L. J. Becknel, Esq., was law of God and man were alike tram. called to the chair; and in accordance with pled under foot by the minions of war, for adoption, all the members of the School even infidel France could not do with- Board of Superintendants, School Teachout her decades in which to hold her ers, Committee men, Magistrates, and Minfestival scenes and recreate the wasted isters of the Gospel, were invited to come energies of her citizens. Nature, alike forward and take seats as members elect of with reason, revolts at the idea of do- our County Association. Whereupon, a

proceeded to nominate permanent officers As a people, we acknowledge the ob- for the Association, the following being du-

Col. Peter Ellen, President. Hez Curtis, and M. A. Parks, Vice do., Alex. Chatham, Recording Secretary,

Wm. M. Barber, Corresponding do. After the election of the Board of Officers and the President had taken the chair, the Chairman Board Superintendants, after a few preparatory remarks, submitted

joint stock company take the remain- the people of Wilkes county by maintaining two thirds; the road is built, the ing a regular and frequent personal intertrains start to run, and then-what? course with each other, by concentrating Methodist, Baptist, Episcopal, Presby- into an organization to be called the Eduterian North Carolina, as it was by in- cational Association of Wilkes county, N. fidel France, in her darkest and most | C., and adopt the following Constitution,

say, when they see our trains rushing with others, shall stand connected with, by our public depots, on a track built and be auxiliary to, the Educational As-

stocked by our legislature in public council for the State, that we do not as actually annul the holy Sabbath of Lehovah as did infidel France? And Jehovah as did infidel France? And the regular annual meetings of said associyet we are a christian people, we go to ation and to serve one year, and until his

sing, we say that the Bible is the word ART. 3rd. It shall be the duty of the God; that Jehovah, whose name is President to preside at the regular meet-Jealous, will not look upon sin, that He ings of the Association, to call extra meetwill utterly destroy that people and ings of the Association &c., &c. In his that kingdom that will not serve him, absence either of the Vice-Presidents may We mean what we say, and say what assume his powers and perform his duties.

we mean, when we say that this is shall conduct the correspondence of the wrong, it ought not be. We, as a people, must repent and do better. Our public leading men ought to set us the

to come out and say 'we can do with- ART. 5th. The Recording Secretary out this desecration of the holy Sab- shall keep a faithful record of the Constibath, we are resolved to do without it.' tution, By-Laws and Proceedings of this A little thought, a little reflection, is Association; shall preserve such papers or all that is necessary to convince any documents as may be committed to his reasonable class of thinking men that care; shall prepare and transcribe such pait is decidedly and palpably wrong, pers or items as shall be deemed useful to and that it ought at once to be abanform such other duties as his office de-

ART. 6th. The Board of Superintendents of our Common Schools, Teachers, Committee-men, Magistrates, and Ministers of the Gospel, residents of the county, shall by virtue of these several officers, be entitled to become members of this Associ-BRO. HEFLIN: It was very gratify ation, and all other persons friends of Eding to me, as the author of the book ucation and our Common Schools, who may bearing the above title, to find that it wish to co operate with, may become memsuited your taste, and that you believ- bers by a vote of a majority of the members present, at any regular meeting, and

ART. 7th. Ten regular members shall trade.' If you should prove to be a constitute a quorum to transact the busitrue prophet, in this case, one of the ness of the Association. The Board of Sumost ardent prayers of the author will be fully answered. It affords me pleasure to state that thus far, the book has mittee to select and prepare business for

have also received private letters from ly, (when not on the Sabbath,) in each have also received private letters from persons, previously unknown to me, expressing thankfulness for the benefits that they have derived from reading the work—one of them from a lady, a member of the Presbyterian Church, sopposted with one of the first families. connected with one of the first families embodying facts in regard to the condition, in Virginia. I regret, however, to find progress and results of our Common School that but few copies of the book have system in this county, with such other inthus far been circulated within the telligence as he may deem proper for the

ART. 9. This Association shall elect not do this: but the boys can make all less than three nor more than ten delegates right!

to attend the regular yearly meetings of the We are not to be understood as teach State Association; and in order to ensure ing that our young men are to wholly an honorable and prompt representation in that body, the members of this association pledge themselves to each other to contribute something towards defraying the exiting that our young men are to wholly eschew the higher doctrines and claims of christianity; what we mean is this; let the matter be first understood, before it is preached on before an effort in penses of our delegates while in attendance it is preached, or before an effort is upon the yearly meetings of the State Association, and also to aid in defraying the Length of Sermon.—When any peoexpenses of persons who may be called ple put themselves to the trouble to go

ation shall be public, may be opened by length—thirty or forty minutes will anprayer, by any minister of the gospel or swer very well. But rather than preach

with this Constitution, and may alter or amend the Constitution at any regular Whenever they say this, they want meeting by a two-third vote of all the more; but when the words, too longmembers present.

mon Schools, regularly opened by reading a chapter from the Holy Scripture, deprecated the inattention which had been giveated the inattention which had been giveavoid the habit of preaching long seren to this matter, and urged the elevation mons. Let him make out his case, in of the Bible to its proper position in our Common Schools; and announced that to facilitate this project, arrangements had been made through the liberality and chris
Manner of Preaching.—Let long purposes designed by the grant.

The Chairman farther stated that he was all, harmonize. ging to raise a good Library.

PETER ELLEN, Pres't.

ALEX. CHATHAM, Sec'y.

the issuing of a circular from my office the sermon-a portion before every serwith suggestions as to the form of a Con- mon, unless another discourse follow stitution for District and County Educa- immediately; then let the reading of tional Associations. The friends of the the Scripture lesson go before the first movement were in correspondence with me, | discourse. and it is their desire to have their association similar in character to that which may be formed. As they have embodied the spirit of my suggestions, I have not thought it important for them to hold another meet- system and method as to leave no room ing to adopt the extract for me sent out .- | for warm and forcible outgushings of I would further add that an important Li- heart in the form of exhortation. Do brary movement has also been begun in not despise or neglect system, in preach-Wilkes, and from reliable information I ing; but keep alive the fires of exhortamay predict that two hundred dollars will tion .- Herald of Truth. soon be raised to lay the foundation. It is for the benefit of Common School teachers, on the plan several times recommended by me; and I sincerely hope that the energetic and successful action of the local Christian Herald, a Baptist paper in

Selections.

tated in many other places.

Advice to Young Preachers.

for your consideration.

preachers, who are a little vain, in tro-magnetic telegraphs-we did not making a selection of a text, are almost dare to pronounce the feat utterly imsure to choose some very singular or practicable. We protest, however, mysterious passage-one that it would against the implication, that the Apostake a Solomon or St. Paul to explain thes were guilty of the indecorum of and enforce. The result is, they are such a precipitate, hurried administracrippled at the outset of the services; tion of the solemn ordinance of the for the announcement of the text be Gospel; and in this we find ourselves trays to the audience a want of discre- supported by the judgment of the tion and christian prudence. If, in such | Michigan Baptist Journal. Were the a case, a young man has anything like Apostles, too, "running against time?" preach in his discourse, the sermon and | Were they trying to show how many the text must disown relationship. Be could be baptized, whether dipped or sure, brethren to steer clear of this rock, otherwise, in a minute? by selecting plain texts-such as you | Another question we are tempted to can expound with some facility.

talent, and experience. How we have a Gospel rite !- South. Pres. suffered under lame essays from the inexperienced, in bungling efforts to convince the world that the peculiarties of Methodism are Scriptural—such as the the doctrines of grace, of the highest mold and character, must be lucidly presented! Others may have failed to priest."—Banner of the Cross.

from a distance to deliver addresses, Lec- two, three, or four miles to preaching, tures, &c., at our own annual meetings.

ART. 10th. All meetings of this Associtalk of fifteen or twenty minutes in ART. 11th. This Association may provide a code of By-Laws, not inconsistent ers, let them return to their homes, saytoo tedious-too tiresome, and such The Chairman then offered a few re-like are heard, take care, there is death marks upon the subject of having our Com- to religion at hand. Circumstances and

tian benevolence of the American Bible exordiums be avoided. Some men's in-Society at N. Y., in connection with a troductions are larger than their ser small appropriation by the County Board, mons-like a little house, with a very whereby a copy of the Bible and ten cop- large piaza! In delivering the divine ies of the New Testament had been dona- message, let the preacher be perfectly ted to every School District in the county, natural—in enunciation, natural in gesand he invited the committees from every ticulation. The idea is this,-let the district to come forward and receive the theme, the state of heart, the language, Books and preserve them for the uses and the enunciation, the gesticulation and

making an effort among the Teachers to A low, dry, insipid manner is equally raise a "Teachers Circulating Library," injurious with an overstrained and readvocated its claims and urged the co-op- dundant effort-find the medium. Let eration of the association and all friends of solemnity and earnestness mark the en-Education in this enterprise. All the tire service. Avoid-carefully avoid Teachers and a good many of their friends every attempt at ridiculous wit, in the subscribed, and the prospect is encoura- pulpit. God's message has to do with deathless souls, and its influence upon After a hasty discussion of some other the hearer must tell upon his endless the kind and bountiful hospitality with could carry us to a place where they sacredness of the obligation holding us Wiley, State Superintendant, and at once matters of minor consideration, the Associtive Miley, State Superintendant, and at once matters of minor consideration, the Associtive all destiny. How carefully, then, should ation adjourned, to meet again at the call lightness, bombast, vanity, and such like, be avoided by the messenger of peace. Young brethren, let your The Standard, Register, and Spirit of preaching be such as you will not fear the Age, Raleigh, are respectfully request to meet before the judgment-scat, when all eyes shall be open, and all NOTE BY C. H. WILEY, SUP. COMMON ears listening for the forthcoming sentence. The scriptures should have a The above proceedings were held before prominent place in the introduction to

> Exhortation .-- Be sure, young men, to cultivate a talent for exhortation .-Do not bind yourselves so closely to

"Four a Minute."

Under this caption, the Michigan school officers of Wilkes will be soon imi- the Northwest, criticizes the recent ceremony, performed by Rev. J. M. C. Breaker, of Beaufort, South Carolina, of baptizing two hundred and twenty-three colored converts in one hour and three minutes, or at the rate of nearly "four a minute."

We had noticed in some of our Bap-Read this very carefully, brethren- tist exchanges, quite a chuckling over we mean the young preachers of our this exploit of the Beaufort Minister, church. We shall furnish you sundries, as if it settled once for all the whole question respecting that we live in a Selection of Texts. - Some young fast age - an age of steam and elec-

ask-If the converts on the occasion Subjects .- While it is desirable that referred to had been whites instead of the young preacher should select as his blacks, is it probable that they could text a plain passage, it is also prudent have been despatched with the same that the subject of discussion, tobe found speed-" at the rate of nearly four a ded in or raised from the text, be suited minute?' Would intelligent, respectto the audience, the occasion, the cir- able whites have consented to be a parcumstance and the preacher-his age, ty to this experimenting with them and

Clerical Celibacy.

Our readers may remember the sinpossibility of falling from grace, and gular case of an Irish clergyman (the christian perfection. These should be Rev. Mr. Beamish) marrying himself studied by the strippling,—he should some two or three years ago, the va-strive to understand them,—but he lidity of which was acknowledged by should not attempt a set discourse upon the Court before whom the question them till he is pretty sure that he does | was brought. An appeal being taken, it has been very favorably noticed by the religious and the secular press. I has been the religious and the secular press. I has been the favorably noticed by this Association shall be on the 4th of Junderstood suffer greatly in the hands by a majority of six to five judges. of the mere novice. Hence, we think One of the minority, Judge Keog, a our young men should mostly confine distinguished Romanist, in delivering themselves to first principles, in preach- his opinion, made the remarkable ading, and leave the settling of grave mission that "down to the seventh questions to the wise and experienced. century, bishops and priests did marry, How apt our boys are to launch upon the turbulent waters of controversy! The year 1076. He added, however, Baptism has to be set right by them! that "there was not a single case in SI 50 a Year, in Advance .

The Scoffer Sile ced.

BY REV. C. H. SPURGEON OF LONDON.

Let me tell you a story. I have told it before; but it is a striking one, and sets out in a true light how easily med will be brought, in times of danger, to believe in a God of justice too.

though they have denied him before. In the backwoods of Canada there resided a good minister, who one even ing went out to meditate, as Isaac did, in the fields. He soon found himself on the borders of a forest, which he entered, and walked along a track which had not been trodden before by him: musing, musing still, until at last the shadows of twilight gathered around him, and he began to think how he should spend a night in the forest. He trembled at the idea of remaining there, with the poor shelter of a tree into which he should be compelled to climb.

On a sudden he saw a light in the distance among the treez, and imagining that it might be from the window of some cottage where he could find a hospitable retreat, he hastened to it, and to his surprise saw a space cleared, and trees laid down to make a platform, and upon it a speaker addressing a multitude. He thought to himself, "I have stumbled on a company of people who in this dark forest have assembled to worship God, and some minister is preaching to them at this late hour of the evening, concerning the kingdom of God and his righteousness;" but to his surprise and horror, when he came nearer, he found a young man declaiming against God, daring the Almighty to do his worst upon him, speaking terrible things in wrath against the justice of the Most High, and venturing most bold and awful assertions concerning his own disbelief in a future state. It was altogether a singular scene; it was lighted up by pine knots, which cast a glare here and there, while the thick darkness in other places still reigned. The people were intent on listening to the orator; and when he sat down, thunders of applause were given to him, each one seeming to emulate the other in his praise.

Thought the minister, "I must not

let this pass; I must rise and speak: the honor of my God and his cause demands it." He feared to speak, for he knew not what to say, having come there suddenly; but he would have ventured, had not something else occurred. A man of midele age, hale and strong, arose, and ' ming on his staff, he said, "My frien is, I have a word to speak to you to ight. I am not about to refute any of the arguments of the orator; I 'all not criticise his style; I shall nothing concerning what I believe the the blasphemies he uttered; but I shall simply relate to you a fact, and after I have done that, you shall draw your own conclusions. Yesterday I walked by the side of you river; I saw on its floods a young man in a beat. The boat was unmanageable; is was going fast towards the rapids; he could not use the oars, and I saw that he was not capable of bringing the boat to the shore. I saw that young man wring his hands in agony; by and by he gave up the attempt to save his life, kneeled down, and cried with deperate earnestness, 'O God, save my soul! If my body cannot be saved, save my soul!' I heard him confess that he had been a blasphemer; I heard him vow, that if his life were spared he would never be such again; I heard him implore the mercy of heaven for Jesus Christ's sake, and carnestly plead that he might be washed in his blood. These arms saved that young man from the flood; I plunged in, brought the boat to shore, and saved his life. That young man has just now addressed you, and cursed his Maker. What say you to this, sirs?"

The speaker sat down. You may guess what a shudder ran through the young man himself, and how the audience in one moment changed their notes, and saw that after all, while it was a fine thing to brag and bravado against Almighty God on dry land, and when danger was distant, it was not quite so grand to think ill of him when near to the verge of the grave. We believe there is enough conscience in every man to convince him that God must punish him for his sin, and that in every heart the words of Scripture will find an echo, " If he turn not, He will whet His sword."

A well Governed State.

Where spades grow bright, and idle words Where jails are empty, and where barns are

Where church-paths are with frequent feet Law court-yards weody, silent and forlorn;

Where doctors foot it and where farmers ride, Where age abounds and youth is multiplied: Where these signs are, they clearly indicate A happy people and well governed State. DON'T BACK THE BABIES .- It is wisely re-

marked that when babies are taken out riding in their little carts, it is title less than eruelty to push then along tookwards, A child, like a grown person, must, in order to render a ride healthful, he drawn behind the mother, or servant, as the may be, and not pushed before. Provisions of balles and haby carts, will please made a tade, and save their little ones from so seess.