

BILL ARP'S LETTER.

HE SAYS THE NEGRO IS STILL A CURIOSITY.

About the Old Towns of Alabama.

Alabama is mighty close kin to us. She is our sister and our daughter, too. She is a little truck up around Birmingham and Anniston and Decatur, and carries her nose in the air just like some children lord it over the old folks and make them take a back seat. But I found the old settlers down in the canebrake region very liberal and affectionate.

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country except the negroes.

The black land region is black with them all the week except Saturday, and then they go to town and paint the town black. I arrived down here now, and it is spreading fast. It is called 'Sheep-calling,' and is taken from the scripture that says, 'Feed my sheep.' An old preacher darkly takes a basket of shell-corn on his arm and goes out behind a big tree in the woods and begins to call his sheep.

LET ALL THE ENDS THOU AIM'ST AT, BE THY COUNTRY'S, THY GOD'S, AND TRUTHS.

WILSON, NORTH CAROLINA, DECEMBER 8, 1887.

BARBARA'S ERROR.

SHE REPENTED OF HER MISTAKE.

A Lesson of Love as Taught by Barbara and Her Devoted Husband.--All Ends Well.

He had a number of daughters--pleasant, lively girls--and it was not long before they drew Mark 'out of his shell,' as they called it. He grew to enjoy their merry chatter, and found his way to their home quite often.

NEWS OF A WEEK.

WHAT IS HAPPENING IN THE WORLD AROUND US.

A condensed report of the news as gathered from the columns of our contemporaries, State and National. Work has been resumed on the Greenville Baptist church, the Reformer states.

RUNNING THE GAUNTLET.

My Visit to a Female College.

(Special Correspondence to the ADVANCE.) MR. EDITOR: Some time since I had occasion to pass through a certain town in this State which boasts of a very worthy and largely attended college designed to elevate and train the female youth of the State.

THE GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS.

Great Activity Among the Friends of Different Statesmen.

The Raleigh correspondent of the Petersburg Index-Apparatus writes as follows: Casting about for a new Democratic candidate for gubernatorial honors continues to be in this vicinity, and the general friends of what may be termed the 'great' are beginning to boom their favorites.

WOMEN AS FARMERS.

How one Woman Successfully Managed a Farm.

There is a woman in Washington, Ga., who well illustrates what her noble sex can do in the state that is doing so much to help her out. She has been chosen one of the representatives of the National Prohibition Committee met at Chicago on the 30th of last month.

WELL SAID.

It is True in This Section of the State.

We find in the Winston Republican the following from the lips of Judge Gilmer on the bench, which we transfer to our columns for the benefit of our colored readers.

GIVING HIM A HAND.

Do you find your evangelist more pleasant?

Do you find your evangelist more pleasant? I was asked of a Dakota minister. 'No, sir; I have never known any more pleasant than Sunday a newly converted member of the church, who sits near the door, threatened to fill me full of holes if I didn't speak longer.'