

By thine own soul's law learn to live, And if men thwart thee take no heed. And if men hate thee have no care; Sing thou thy song and do thy deed. Hope thou thy hope and pray thy prayer. And claim no crown they will not give, Nor bays they grudge thee for thy bair.

Keep thou thy soul-sworn steadfast oath. And to thy heart be true thy heart; What thy soul teaches learn to know, And play out thine appointed part; And thou shalt reap as thou shalt sow, Nor helped nor hindered in thy growth, To thy full stature thou shalt grow.

Fix on the future's goal thy face, And let thy feet be lured to stray Nowhither, but be swift to run. And nowhere tarry by the way, Until at last the end is won, And thou may'st look back from thy place And see thy long day's journey done.

STATE FINANCES. THE RUIN WROUGHT HERE BY

Republican Financial Rule.

[RALEIGH REGISTER April 16, 1884.] No party, in any country, ever left more enduring traces of wrong than the Republican party during its brief ascendancy in North Carolina. The period of its ascendancy is universally pointed to as a period of shame and disgrace in our history. That party has been condemned by the people in every election for years past; and yet in each succeeding election it comes forward with unblushing effrontery to demand of the people that the great trusts inherent in the great offices of the State, trusts involving the supreme interests of liberty and property, should be reposed in it again. presumes upon either an utter indifference on the part of the people to those interests, or it reckons on the effect of and doings of that party when it con- the negroes. It is necessary to bear these education of the children of the State. rolled the State. They have heard of | things in mind to appreciate the conduct them in a general way, but one which of the Republican party when in power. eaves but a slight conception of the de- No such frightful experiment was ever signs of that party when in power, and of made upon any people. We can underthe methods pursued for their accomplish- stand how a scheme so full of wrong could retraced from time to time, embracing time it will be an unsolved mystery how lature. such facts and circumstances as space ad- any Southern man could have joined in its mits of, in order that the young men of execution. the State may vote with some knowledge of the record of the Republican party. The conduct of the people, in view of the acts of that party at that time will constiwhich the Republican party was guilty when it had control of the State, then the end of our present system of government to prompt men to active exertion, all is

nothing for the government in comparison and strangers; by the others they were then existing in the State, and to put it deepened into alarm. A rush to New York ters who possessed and had exercised the never been issued, and after the former is vile.

to take steps for the establishment of a halls and in the brothels of the city. The new government, and to that end a Con- competition between the sellers brought vention was called. As an effectual se- about a sort of Dutch auction, and at last negroes were admitted to the polls.

could have been more disastrous. Its ob- issued. Such purpose was from the beginject was to obtain control of negro suf- ning a mere pretext, and with the conspirrage, and to secure that object the Re- ators the day for all disguise soon passed publican party stickled at nothing. By away. Much of the proceeds was profi-

mind of the negro was poisoned, and his the pockets of the conspirators. passions inflamed against the white man The conduct of the Assembly faithfully der the system of moral government that hibition to contract a lesser, surely amounts and the Democratic party to which he be- reflected the character of the body. To imonged. The negro was plied with every prove their understanding and to assist nsidious suggestion. He was led to be- their deliberations a bar-room was opened lieve that the government of the Demo-cratic party would cut off his race from education and from every means of im-Votes were venal and the contemptuously til the bonds shall be at par, the General provement; nay, that it would be fatal to low price at which they were sold their liberties. Such representations en- showed their sense of their responsi gendered in the breast of the more evil sibility as legislators. One or at most less it shall in the same bill levy a special utmost importance; for it included all the arbour that then contained them in its side. A government letter informed her disposed a fierce hatred which broke out a few drinks of whisky could carry any tax to pay the interest annually." The bonds of the first class mentioned by the in many communities in crimes of the measure. Outside of the Capitol the mem- acts, authorizing the issue of a large nummost inhuman nature. Great numbers of bers took a pride in trampling upon all ber of the bonds, were passed by the Leg- amounted to about \$8,000,000. the better disposed, partly inspired by fear, and partly by a desire to assert their independence, withdrew from the employ-ment of white men, and settled upon bar-ferings of our down-trodden and impover-ment of white men, and settled upon bartime in effacing the memory of its mis-deeds. The possibility of the former, no true North Carolinian will harbor for a moment: its reliance on the latter may with their idle and often lawless throngs. more than double the rate which had ob- the omission, therefore, was noted with a Without him the State would have been not be altogether vain. Every election From this cause the agriculture of the buried under the war, when the State was feeling of intense satisfaction. But the buried under the weight of a debt which an humble voice, she left and bade fare- in heaven; and the weeping widow could with creatures so young as these! More for State officers, and to a less degree for State sustained a great shock; the produc- in the highest prosperity. At the end of conspirators became aware of their over- would have crushed her. the General Assembly, brings to the polls tions of the State fell off proportionably. the session they crowned their infamy by sight, and bent upon the accomplishment A heavy blow was given to the special

of the people; but the partisan power cared | they were to most of the conspirators aliens | bonds in the name of the State. of party success. To carry out this design the Reconstruction Acts were passed. The tion was, Would the State credit float the tional modes of proceeding, was still more engage in the work of construction directeffect was to blot out the civil government bonds? Apprehension and doubt soon flagrant. Tens of thousands of white vo- ly. The bonds in this latter case had

under absolute military rule. From every was made by those who had control of the right to vote were thrust from the polls by had been decided, the Treasurer refused position of honor or trust, men who had bonds. There was a struggle between the the bayonet. The entire black male pop- to issue them. A writ of mandamus was been freely elected on account of their railroad presidents which should first get ulation twenty-one years old, and a great applied for, which having been granted qualifications were thrust out, and men their bonds printed and signed; the print- number under that age, were freely admit- there was an appeal to the Supreme Court. too often their very opposites were put in ing presses groaned under the task exacted ted to the polls. Moreover, a great num- The principle of the two seemed to be so ant cottage which she now inhabited. their places. From corporations in great of them. There was a race which could ber of timid white voters-the number it different that those interested in this class belonged to the old lady of the Castle, part private-as railroad corporations- first put their bonds on the market; the is impossible to estimate-were kept away of bonds were sanguine of success. The their Presidents were put out, and men offices of the brokers were besieged by from the polls, though they were not case was fully argued at the bar, and elab-put in their places, some of whom left them. The bonds were hawked from one banned, by the terrors of confiscation then orately expounded by the bench-all the triffe as a nominal rent. names that are synonymous with all that end of Wall Street to the other. While held out as imminent. It would be hard judges delivering opinions. Here as be-

the presidents were pressing the sale, the to imagine a more criminal contempt of fore the weight of the reasoning of the scarce a dollar was appropriated to the bonds issued by it were void.

every agency that could be employed the gately squandered-a large part went into us little before the legal tribunals, consti- it cannot have power to contract a debt to terrors. He sat beside his wife, with his tuted as they then were. Fortunately un-

cure.

State to a corporation for the building of If we turn to the elections, the outrage a railroad; the object of the statute in the

The General Commanding was ordered bonds were freely used in the gambling the sanctity of elections-in our system Chief Justice was decisive. The opinion regarded as the palladium of human rights of a majority of the court may be given in -than was manifested in this proceeding. his own language: "It is decided (Gallo-No man who has entered the horn-book of | way r. Jenkins and the Chatham Railroad curity for the accomplishment of the de- they were bartered away for a mere frac- constitutional knowledge will contend Company) that the General Assembly has in the spirit of that Christianity which he afflicted spirit. Her eldest son, William, sign a large portion of the white people of the State were disfranchised, while all the were realized from the sale of the bonds by such an election. And if that election were of the people, to aid in the construcdid not express their full consent, then | tion of a new railroad. If the General Socially and industrially no measure purpose for which they were ostensibly that Legislature was a bogus one, and the Assembly has no power to contract a debt for the purpose of building a new railroad

But undeniable as these positions at the | with the assistance of contributions by inbar of impartial public opinion are, it is to be feared that they would have availed scriptions by other railroads, it would seem build a new railroad out and out. A pro-The amount of the bonds directly in-

volved in the decision of this case was Assembly shall have no power to contract small-only three hundred thousand dolany new debt or obligation * * * un- lars. But the principle decided was of the they believed in the beautiful blossomed tidings of the three deaths reach Sunny-Chief Justice, which, according to him,

[Lights and Shadows of Scottish Life.] The dwelling of the Minister's Widow stood within a few fields of the beautiful village of Castle-Holm. In the heart of the village stood the Manse-and in i had she, who was now a widow, passed twenty years of privacy and peace. On the death of her husband, she had retired not-without tears; and the young maidens, who had heard that he had been in a bloody with her family-three boys-to the pleasengagement, and once nearly shipwrecked, gazed upon him with unconscious blushes, and bosoms that beat with innocent emoaccepted from the minister's widow a mere triffe as a nominal rent.

The change from the Manse to Sunnydeserve its name. side had been with the widow a change from happiness to resignation. Her husband had died of a consumption; and for time was near at hand when she was to be appear, that for a moment I felt impelled nearly a year she had known that his death | called upon to practise it in every silent, was inevitable. Both of them had lived secret, darkest corner and recess of her had preached; and therefore the last year fell in storming a fort in India, as he led they passed together, in spite of the many bitter tears which she who was to be the a moment, and fell into the trench with survivor shed when none were by to see, all his lofty plumes. Edward was found was perhaps on the whole the best deservdead at Talavera, with the colours of his ing of the name of happiness, of the twenty that had passed over their earthly union. To the dying man death had lost all its never would have struck her flag to any human power sailing on the sea, was driven bright hollow eyes and emaciated frame, by a storm on a reef of rocks,-went to among the balmy shades of his garden, pieces during the night, -and of eight rules the world, it is so ordained that to a prohibition to contract a greater debt fraud, by its own contrivances, often pro- for the same object." The bonds were mercies God had vouchsafed to them here, vides the means of defeating its guilty de-signs. By a clause in the Canby Consti-court. together to persuade, to convince, or to as it deserved with all honors, and in a

uphold each other's faith, for they believed place where few but sailors slept. in the things that were unseen, just as shading silence. Accordingly when the hour was at hand, in which he was to render up his spirit into the hand of God, he acter of the young soldier, a small pension was like a grateful and wearied man fall- would be settled on his mother. Had she sheltered window looked out, and followed not be utterly extinguished, even by sever-

a large number of young men who can have no personal knowledge of the acts in the session the general lawlessness of had been placed in the Treasury for the session the general lawlessness of had been placed in the Treasury for the session the general lawlessness of had been placed in the Treasury for the session the general lawlessness of had been placed in the Treasury for the session the general lawlessness of had been placed in the Treasury for the session the general lawlessness of had been placed in the Treasury for the session the general lawlessness of had been placed in the Treasury for the session the general lawlessness of had been placed in the Treasury for the session the general lawlessness of had been placed in the Treasury for the general lawlessness of had been placed in the Treasury for the general lawlessness of had been placed in the Treasury for the general lawlessness of had been placed in the Treasury for the general lawlessness of had been placed in the Treasury for the general lawlessness of had been placed in the Treasury for the general lawlessness of had been placed in the Treasury for the general lawlessness of had been placed in the Treasury for the general lawlessness of had been placed in the Treasury for the general lawlessness of had been placed in the Treasury for the general lawlessness of had been placed in the Treasury for the general lawlessness of had been placed in the Treasury for the general lawlessness of had been placed in the Treasury for the general lawlessness of had been placed in the Treasury for the general lawlessness of had been placed in the treasury for the general lawlessness of had been placed in the treasury for the general lawlessness of had been placed in the treasury for the general lawlessness of had been placed in the treasury for the general lawlessness of had been placed in the treasury for the general lawlessness of had been placed in the treasury for the general lawlessness of had been placed in the treasury for the general lawlessness of had be and incorporate a provision for a special stockboard, constantly sinking in price, glided before her steps, she shut the gate ward, a letter came from himself, written pity them! But that can never be. It is f her new dwelling

I could have delayed it till another sumwas insensibly turned even during service. And, to be sure, when the congregation mer.

I sent word that I was coming to see her, were dismissed, and the young sailor came and I found her sitting in that well-known smiling out into the church-yard, never was there such a shaking of hands seen little parlor, where I had partaken the pleasure of so many merry evenings, with before. The old men blessed the gallant those whose laughter was now extinguishboy,-many of the mothers looked at him ed. We sat for a while together speaking

of ordinary topics, and then utterly silent. But the restraint she had imposed upon herself she either thought unnecessary any longer, or felt it to be impossible; and and laid them down upon the table before us, saying, "Behold the faces of my three To love, to fear, and to obey God, was dead boys!"

the rule of this widow's life. And the So bright, breathing, and alive did the to speak to them, and to whisper their names. She beheld my emotion, and said unto me, "Oh! could you believe that they are all dead? Does not that smile on Willy's face seem as if it were immortal? Do not Edward's sparkling eves look so bright as if the mists of death could never have overshadowed them? and think !-regiment tied round his body. And the ship in which Henry was on board, that and filled full, full, I doubt not, of the soiling sand!

I put the senseless images one by one to my lips, and kissed their foreheads-for hundred men not fifty were saved. Of dearly had I loved these three brothers that number Henry was not, -but his body and then I shut them up and removed them to another part of the room. wished to speak, but I could not; and, looking on the face of her who was before me, I knew that her grief would find utterance, and that not until she had un-In one month, one little month, did the burthened her heart could it be restored to repose.

"They would tell you, Sir, that I bear my trials well; but it is not so. Many, many, unresigned and ungrateful tears has my God to forgive in me, a poor, weak, ing into a sleep. His widow closed his been starving of want, instead of blest and repining worm. Almost every day. eyes with her own hands, nor was her soul with competence, that word would have almost every night, do I weep before these then disquieted within her. In a few days had then no meaning to her ear. Yet true silent and beautiful phantoms; and when she heard the bell tolling, and from her | it is, that a human-an earthly pride, can- | I wipe away the breath and mist of tears from their faces, there are they smiling the funeral with streaming eyes but an un- est anguish, in a mother's heart, yea, even continually upon me! Oh! death is weeping heart. With a calm countenance, although her best hopes are garnered up shocking thought when it is linked in love well to the sweet Manse, where she had so not help feeling it now, when, with the insupportable is gushing tenderness, than long been happy-and as her three beauti- black wax below her eyes, she read how even dry despair; and, methinks I could for them I weep, not for myself.

The Republican party is already organthe State Government into its hands. Let of the State when that party had rule, is to-day made up of identically the same elements that it was then.

After the War.

The prospect before the people of North Carolina immediately after the war was as dark and forlorn as could well be conceived

It is known that a vast number of our male population fell victims to the war, in the ranks, in the hospitals, and in prison. The garnered, wealth of generations had been invested in our banks; and every dollar so invested had been lost. Our agricultural and mechanical industries had, to a large extent, been carried on by slave labor; and slavery was abolished by the military power of the Federal Government. Nothing of material wealth was left but land, and what live stock had escaped the ravages of war. But desolate as the prospect seemed, there remained the means, when judiciously employed, not only of subsistence, but of some humble measure of prosperity. As long as the cultivation of the land could be carried on, there was a hope of better things near or remote: and as long as the kindly relation between the white and the black man which had grown out of the patriarchal system of slavery which had existed here was preserved, labor could be obtained. When the Confederate armies surrendered, the cherished hopes of those who sustained its flag went down forever: They recognized the result in its fullest significance, and loyally renewed their allegiance to the Federal Government. With manly resignation they turned to the duties which the changed situation demanded. The first duty of all was to repair the desolation which had spread over the whole country; with but too many to maintain a struggle with that dire poverty which had invaded their homes and their hearths. Favoring circumstances were not wanting. After a short season of civil anarchy, a government in unison with the feelings of our people was established here-the administration of Governor Worth. Our people went to work with that stern reof unequal strife. In concert, and with mutual good will, the negroes coöperated

The Convention was held and a Constisay which predominated, a contemptuous disregard of the needs of the State or of the Federal army as it passed through the

izing for the coming campaign, and will soon be soliciting the people to surrender prominence who had chosen the hour when invested with suffrage at no distant day. It could, however, and should have been stockholder, and taking collateral security an immense majority; indeed the majority and immense majority. The act now forms bearing in mind, that the Republican party found their way into that body because the even now. It must be admitted, if our corporations and taking a mortgage, or Thus these bonds-the loathsome legacy

time live which never flagged through years

with them. Tillage was extended over much of the land which was thrown out of cultivation during the latter years of the war. The prospect was encouraging, the hopes of our people rose high, and those wonderful energies which they put forth in war were now turned to the pur-

The Debt Created. In speaking of the obligation, whether

moral or legal, of this debt, first that crement. It is necessary that the history of have been concocted by those who hated us ated by the Convention will be remarked some of the schemes of that day should be with a bitter hatred, but to the end of upon; secondly, that created by the Legis-

Of the Convention itself it is obvious to remark that it was an anomaly in American institutions. A Convention called by at the time of the adoption of this Constitution was framed in which it is hard to a power ab extra-by another, any power, indeed, than that of the people to be affected by its acts and ordinances, is unute to no small degree the measure of the wishes of the people. From a Conven- known to our constitutional system. If their patriotism and public virtue. When tion constituted as that was nothing else the State had been in a condition of anthey forget, or remembering shall condone, could have been expected. It was made archy, that would have been, not, indeed, the outrages upon person and property of up, first, of men who had dropped from a justification, but an apology for this great violation of popular rights. But the State, as a stream deposits its mud in its fact was the very reverse. Government flow-mere adventurers who had nothing was established here; all the machinery of is near: for the perpetuation of sound at home, and who remained here to share justice was in full operation; and law and government there would be no principle to in the plunder of a prostrate people. Next order pervaded every part of it. The call nies and issuing bonds to pay for the stock, appeal to. When the preservation of the were the negroes; in general mere passive ing of that Convention was an act of unrights of person and property shall cease spectators of the proceedings, though disguised, unblushing partisanship. Its ration. This is the heaviest item, and of any tax to pay any part of the special

voice of the real citizens of the State was system of government is anything but a some other collateral security. This item of party corruption-were disposed of forsilenced by military authority. Lastly, there were a few men, braye, able and lord to the State. mane, that a Convention so called could not constitutionally create a debt upon the the case of Galloway rs. loyal to the State-men whose names are people-could not constitutionally vote

never mentioned without a sentiment of away their property. gratitude-who maintained throughout a But passing by this aspect of the case, dauntless though unavailing contest on behalf of the State and her true interests. decisive upon this point. Whatever power

The Legislature of 1868-'69.

It was ordained by the Convention that *vires*. It had, therefore, no more power to on the same day when the Constitution fix a debt upon the State, than it had to for ratification, the election for members specified in those acts. Secondly, with reference to the debt of the Legislature should take place, and an early day was fixed on. This arrange- created by the Legislature:

ment was recommended by many consider-ations, one above all. There were then putable than another, it is this: that no few newspapers in the State-nothing was | State can be bound to the payment of any to be feared from that source. All the debt except by a legislature legally constimen to whom the people were accustomed | tuted. The requirements of such a legisto look for council on public affairs were lature are two: First, That its members enough in the Legislature, but was abanunder the ban; yet, if time had been al- should be eligible to seats in it; second, lowed, it was feared that the weight of so that they should have been elected by vomuch talent, probity and character might ters possessing the proper qualifications. be exerted with formidable effect. The Now, tried by either of these, tests, the Constitution was ratified and the members | Legislature of 1868, and that of '68-'69, of the Legislature elected at the appointed | which created the larger part of the debt, was not a legally constituted body.

When the Legislature met together in the summer of 1868, the good people of the State who saw it in session stood lent and revolutionary. It was not elected to be valid; the requirements of the Conaghast. They were divided between feel- under the old Constitution or under the stitution having been complied with. If ings of the keenest indignation on the one new. It rested upon no constitutional hand, and the most melancholy forebod- basis, and was, therefore, a sham Legislaings on the other, when they saw a great | ture. It will be remembered that the new | taken to be superadded to the first with a State delivered over to such a body. They | Constitution was submitted to the popular | view of making a further restriction upon had viewed the Convention with a mixture vote for ratification, and the members the Assembly, then the court might hold of scorn, loathing and contempt. Yet elected to the Legislature on the same day. the bonds to be invalid; the provisions of they found every evil element in the Con- There was no provision in the Reconstrucvention intensified tenfold in the Legisla- tion Acts annulling our old Constitutionthat is the Constitution of 1776, as amend-

party viewed the prospect presented by the old Constitution was and continued in the Supreme Court, where political ques-Legislature with unbounded gratification. force until the ratification of the new Con- tions were involved, had exhibited strong Versed as they were in all the arts of guile stitution was duly proclaimed. The elec- party feeling; it remained to be seen to and fraud they saw in a body composed of tion for members of the Legislature ocsuch materials the most inviting field for plunder. There was a vast mass of ignor-qualifications of members were those pre-credit of the State were involved. Fortuplunder. There was a vast mass of ignor- qualifications of members were those preance which could be moulded at pleasure scribed in it. Now, according to that by those who had the will and the skill. | Constitution, no negro was eligible to a | Chief Justice was thosoughly conservative. A conspiracy was formed by the leaders to seat in the Legislature, and no white man, By the force of his learning, logic and make the most of the opportunity. The unless he were a citizen of the State; and high credit of the State was a splendid yet that body was filled with negroes and of the Court along with him, though a capital to bank on. Her bonds would sell with northern adventurers who were not bare majority only. Such was the narrow readily; it was only necessary to devise a citizens-who had indeed, not indicated chance by which our people escaped a way of putting them on the market. The by deed or word then purpose or wish to crushing burden of taxation. The opinion way was soon found. The building of new become citizens. Nor one has they were, of the Court was that the two clauses of

tax. They now deemed themselves se- until at length the But here again that fatality, inhe- nominal. rent in crime, proved the salvation of our

people. The change of the Constitution the bonds issued in the third mode menjust cited contained this further provision : tioned by the Chief Justice was never "And the General Assembly shall have no tried. Indeed, this class was so clearly power to give or lend the credit of the embraced within the principle of the two State in aid of any person, association or former, that it was plain what the decision corporation, except to aid in the comple- of the Supreme Court would be. tion of such railroads as may be unfinished

submitted to a direct vote of the people of the bonds of the State are at par. The the State, and be approved by a majority people must sanction bonds issued for that of those who shall vote thereon." In the opinion of Chief Justice Pearson, rendered in the case of Galloway v. Chatham Railroad Company, he said "that most of the public debt created by these bonds was incurred in three modes: 1. By subscribing for stock in railroad compathe State becoming a member of the corpoprompt to give their votes when the nod was given them. Of native born white men coöperating with these, there were two brought to the polls would have been the corporation, the State not becoming a submitted to the people, and approved by obscure and often dirty antecedents, who to those shocks the strain of which is felt 000,000. 3. By endorsing the bonds of porated in it by the Code Commissioners.

there is another consideration which is pany coupon bonds of the State not to ex- When once that point is attained the re- the dim melancholy of a mist, diffusing she had forgotten the poor. Besides making a Constitution the Conven- that Convention possessed it derived from as originally passed there was no provision have full power to issue bonds to any

ham Railroad in 1854-'5, were the "Deep property, ponder these things. river at or near the Coalfields in the county of Chatham, and the city of Raleigh.' The despicable subterfuge answered well doned by counsel when the case came into the Supreme Court. As the case stood it was clear that the first clause of the section under consideration had been complied with--there was a distinct grant of the bonds and a provision to levy a special tax. If the first clause of the section In truth, the whole proceeding which should be construed separately and indethe two clauses of the section should be construed together, and the second be the Constitution not having been complied with. The other two branches of the government, the Executive and the Legisla-The principal leaders of the Republican ed in 1835. It is clear, therefore, that the tive, were known to be intensely partisan;

what extent this feeling would sway them nately upon questions of this character the commanding ability he carried a majority

The question of the constitutionality of widow.

It will be observed that the broad prinpecuniary interest, unless the subject be no new debt for building railroads, until purpose; they are the ultimate tribunal. In 1879 it was deemed wise by the Democratic party to submit the whole of the special tax bonds to the vote of the people. To that end an act was passed by the Legislature of that year, suggesting an amendclause prohibiting the General Assembly from paying, or authorizing the collection

ever. ceed two millions of dollars. In the act striction is removed; the Legislature will cheerfulness and elevation.

> ----WANTED BADLY

A 1223 Pound North Carolinian!

[New York Sun.]

On July 21, 1809, died Daniel Lambert, at the early age of 39. What his actual weight was at the time of his death is not exactly known; but three years before that melancholy event, when he exhibited himself at his house, 53 Piccadilly, he weighed. according to one of his exhibition bills, 1,222 pounds, London weight. The coffin enclosing his remains, which was with some difficulty deposited in St. Martin's Church-yard, contained no less than 112 superficial feet of elm, was six feet four inches long, four feet four inches wide, and two feet four inches deep. Still was

An Enterprising Western City.

"Yes, sir," said an enthusiastic citizen of a new Western town, "we've got a right smart town, stranger. Why," continued, impressively, "it's only six months old yet and it's got two hotels, forty-eight beer saloons, twenty-seven gamblin' places, four drug stores, to say nothin' of grocery and clothin' stores, and the best half-mile track west of the Missouri "Any churches?" asked the stranger.

"Any what?" "Churches."

"You mean them buildings with a long pint sticking up in the air?"

was some talk about buildin' one, but we

with an undisturbed in the highest spirits and tenderest affecsoul, and moved her lips in silent thanks- tion. His mother looked at every word, were to be restored to life, would I not lie giving to the God of the fatherless and the every letter, every dash of the pen; and down with thankfulness in the grave? Her three boys, each one year older than in her soul, "the living hand that traced and died, as they thought, in glory and the other, grew in strength and beauty, these lines, where, what is it now?" But triumph. Death to them was merciful. the pride and flower of the parish. In this was the first blow only: ere the new But who can know, although they may

in play-hours they bounded in their glee she was altogether childless. together like young deer, and led the sport- It was in a winter hurricane that her fered, through that long dark howling ciple laid down by the Supreme Court was ful flock in all excursions through the youngest boy had perished; and the names night of snow, when the ship was going tution, or in which the State has a direct that the General Assembly could create wood or over the moor. They resembled, of those whose health had hitherto been to pieces on the rocks!" in features and in voice, both of their gen- remembered at every festal Christmas, tle parents; but nature had moulded to throughout all the parish, from the Castle quite another character their joyful and to the humblest hut, were now either sup- on her eye-lashes, but seemed again to be impetuous souls. When sitting or walk- pressed within the heart, or pronounced ing with their mother, they subdued their with a low voice and a sigh. During cling to the horrors of the shipwreck, alspirits down to suit her equable and gen- three months, Sunny-side looked almost as tle contentment; and behaved towards her if uninhabited. Yet the smoke from one reverted to other objects. "I walk often with a delicacy and thoughtfulness, which chimney told that the childless widow was into the rooms where they used to sleep, made her heart to sing for joy. So too sitting alone at her fireside; and when her and look on their beds till I think I see ment to the Constitution by inserting a did they sit in the kirk on Sabbath, and only servant was spoken to at church, or their faces lying with shut eyes on their during all that day the fountain of their on the village green, and asked how her pillows. Early in the morning, do I often joy seemed to subside and to lie still. mistress was bearing these dispensations, think I hear them singing-I waken from the way that her health seemed to unrest, as if the knock of their mother, now and then on the calm sum- little, if at all impaired, and that she mer evenings, beside their father's grave. talked of coming to divine service in a few mer evenings, beside their father's grave. They remembered well his pale kind face, weeks, if her strength would permit. She study and of play-when they went to his feeble walk, his bending frame, his had been seen, through the leafless hedge, hand laid in blessing on their young heads, standing at the parlor window, and had the State was laboring in the utmost agony done without trampling on all constituus look to its stewardship of the finances to turn and rend her: the other, men of tional rights, and without exposing society heaviest item, and amounts to about \$3,- a part of our Constitution, and was incortheir father; and that they proved by their Her weekly bounty to several poor and piety unto her whom most on earth had | bed-ridden persons had never suffered but | their father loved. But their veins were one week's intermission. It was always many a time beside these, do I think of

filled with youth, health, and the electric- sent to them on Saturday night; and it The case of Galloway rs. Jenkins and But let it be noted and impressed upon ity of joy; and they carried without and was on Saturday night that all the parish the Chatham Railroad Company arose out every mind that the constitutional prohib- within the house such countenances as at had been thrown into tears, with the news of an act passed in August, 1868, direct- ition upon the Legislature continues only any time coming upon their mother's eyes that Henry's ship had been wrecked and ing the Treasurer to deliver to the Com- until the bonds of the State shall be at par. on a sudden, was like a torch held up in the brave boy drowned. On that evening

But now the spring had put forth her . Years passed on. Although the young- tender buds and blossoms,-had strewn tion went into general legislation, and added a million to the debt of the State. The object of these acts was avowedly to establish a stream on stream of the four per cent. bonds of the these acts was avowedly to establish a stream of the government here in accordance with their The professed object was to aid the are rapidly approaching that standard. seventeenth year, and was bold, straight, tender, and beautiful green over the government here in accordance with their provisions. To this, the power of the Convention was limited; all else was *ultra* from the coalfields to Cheraw. This was inserted to bring it within the provision of Constitutional restriction is removed, ness of his eyes, and a sullen mass of coal- over the garden, and the one encircling the second clause of the article of the Con- should the Republican party again get black hair hanging over the smooth white- field of Sunny-side; and so, hkewise, should be submitted to the popular vote divide the State or do any other thing not stitution already cited-that in regard to control of the State? The same machinery ness of his open forehead. But why deunfinished roads. Putting this railroad in that was employed then, can be employed scribe the three beautiful brothers? They vival of the soul that had been sorrowing the act in the category of unfinished rail- now. The party is composed of the very knew that there was a world lying at a within its concealment. On the first sweet roads was a suggestio falsi; for the termini same elements. Let those who love the distance that called upon them to leave dewy Sabbath of May, the widow was specified in the act chartering the Chat- fair fame of the State, and who value their the fields, and woods, and streams, and seen closing behind her the little white lochs of Castle-Holm; and, born and bred in peace as they had been, their restless had not touched. She gave a gracious, hearts were yet all on fire, and they burned but mournful smile, to all her friends, to join a life of danger, strife, and tumult. as she passed on through the midst of No doubt it gave their mother a sad heart | them, along with the minister, who had to think that all her three boys who she joined her on entering the church-yard; knew loved her so tenderly could leave her and although it was observed that she all alone, and rush into the far-off world. But who shall curb nature? Who ought with the Bibles and Psalm-books that had to try to curb it when its bent is strong? belonged to her sons lying before her, as proud of, sailing in sunshine, and a pleas-She reasoned awhile and tried to dissuade. they themselves had enjoined when they ant summer breeze. Another ship indeed But it was in vain. Then she applied to went away, yet her face brightened even was she soon after, when she lay upon the her friends; and the widow of the minister as her heart began to burn within her, at reef! But as for the books, I take them of Castle-Holm, retired as his life had the simple music of the psalm. The out of their places and dust them, and rebeen, was not without friends of rank and prayers of the congregation had some turn them to their places, every week. I power. In one year her three boys had months before been requested for her, as used to read to my boys, sitting round my their wish, —in one year they left Sunny- a person in great distress; and during knees, out of many of these books, before side, one after the other; William to India service, the young minister, according to they could read themselves,-but now I -Edward to Spain; and Harry to a man- her desire, now said a few simple words, never peruse them, for their cheerful

was now indeed too, too silent; and that for that he had not forsaken her in her utter noiselessness sometimes made her trouble, but sent resignation and peace. From that day she was seen, as before, heart sick when sitting by herself in the solitary room. But by nature she was a in her house, in her garden, along the gentle, meek, resigned and happy being; many pleasant walks all about the village, and had she even been otherwise, the sor- and in the summer evenings, though not own soul betrays me; all my comforts de row she had suffered, and the spirit of re- so often as formerly, in the dwellings of sert me in a panie; but never yet once did ligion which her whole life had instilled, her friends, both high and low. From her I read one whole page of the New Testamust have reconciled her to what was now presence a more gentle manner seemed to ment that I did not know that the eye of her lot. Great cause had she to be glad. Far away as India was, and seemingly heartfelt delicacy over the refined. Few like the rest, though my husband and all more remote in her imagination, loving letters came from her son there in almost every ship that sailed for Britain; and if, felt, and wept over by all hearts; and all

still one thought, one thought only, was William and Edward were struck down, school they were quiet and composed; but moon was visible, the widow knew that try to dream of it in horror, what the voungest of them, my sweet Harry, suf-The last dismal thought held her for a while silent; and some tears stood in drops absorbed. Her heart appeared unable to though it coveted them; and her thoughts

troubled unrest, as if the knock of their sportive hands were at my door summonschool and returned from it-when they came in to meals-when they said their prayers-when they went leaping at night to bed as lightsomely, after all the day's fatigue, as if they had just risen. . Oh !-Sir-at all these times, and many, and them whom you loved."

While thus she kept indulging the passion of her grief, she observed the tears I could no longer conceal; and the sight of my sorrow seemed to give, for a time, a loftier character to hers, as if my weakness made her aware of her own, and she had become conscious of the character of her vain lamentations. "Yet, why should I so bitterly weep? Pain had not troubled them—passion had not disturbed them vice had not polluted them. May I not say, 'My children are in heaven with their father — and ought I not, therefore, to dry up all these foolish tears now and forevermore?"

Composure was suddenly shed over her countenance, like gentle sunlight over a cheerless day, and she looked around the room as if searching for some pleasant objects that eluded her sight. "See, said she, "yonder are all their books, arranged just as Henry arranged them on his unexpected visit. Alas! too many of them are about the troubles and battles of the sea! But it matters not now. You are looking at that drawing. It was done by himself,-that is the ship he was so that intimated to the congregation, that stories are not for me. But there is one Still was the widow happy. The house the childless widow was, through his book I do read, and without it I should that so often used to be ringing with joy lips, returning thanks to Almighty God, long ago have been dead. The more the heart suffers, the more does it understand that book. Never do I read a single chapter, without feeling assured of something more awful in our nature than I felt before. My own heart misgives me; my be breathed over the rude, and a more God is on all his creatures, and on me had suffered as she had suffered; all her my sons are dead, and I may have many losses were such as could be understood, years yet to live alone on the earth."

After this we walked out into the little at times, something delayed them, she boisterousness or levity of joy would have avenue, now dark with the deep rich came to believe in the necessity of such seemed an outrage on her, who, sad and shadows of summer beauty, and spoke of delays, and, without quaking, waited till melancholy herself, yet wished all around the surpassing brightness of the weather "No, we haint got any of them. That the blessed letter did in truth appear. Of her happy, and often lighted up her cound during all June, and advancing July. It Edward, in Spain, she often heard,- tenance with a grateful smile, at the sight is not in nature always to be sad; and the

-	uits of peace.	way was soon found. The building of her	become createris. Hor, such as they	the section must be construed together	feather allowed it would look tog dudich "	though for him she suffered more than for of that pleasure which she could not but remembrance of all her melancholy and
		railroads, and the extension of old ones	did the people have any evidence that	They held that the statute under consider.	many anowed it would look too dudish.	the others. Not that she loved him better, observe to be softened, sobered, and sub- even miserable confessions was now like
	The Convention of 1868.	formed the pretext. Railroads were pro-	they had received a majority of the votes	ation though containing a provision for		for, like three stars, each possessed alike dued for her sake. an uncertain echo, as I beheld a placid
~		includ in every direction without regard to	cast at the election The ballate mare not	ation, though containing a provision for	A School Rem.	the calm heaven of her heart; but he was Such was the account of her, her sor- smile on her face, a smile of such perfect
	But this fair down was speedily over-	the needs of the section through which	counted on the flow of the election Dill	it fing a special tax, and anconstitution		with Wellesley, and the regiment, in rows and her resignation, which I received resignation, that it might not falsely be
					[Texas Siftings.]	with wellesley, and the regiment, in rows and her resignation, which received resignation, that it might not raisery be
	ast. The return of peace had brought	future support. The granting of railroad	as soon as they cheed at a stand ear	had no power to pass it, without submit-	Colonel Percy Yerger could not under-	which he served, seemed to be conspicu- on the first visit I paid to a family near called a smile of joy. We stood at the
1	he whole white population of the South	inture support. The granting of rantoad	as soon as they crosed the polls, and car-	ting it to a vote of the people. This de-	stand why his son Tommy did not want	ous in all skirmishes, and in every battle. Castle Holm, after the final consummation little white gate; and with a gentle voice,
t	o the polls and they being Democrats, it	charters was made a monopoly in the	ried to the capital of another State. Who		stand why his sol roundy did not white	Henry, her youngest boy, who left her be- of her grief. Well known to me had all that perfectly accorded with that expres-
1	was seen by the Republican leaders that	hands of a few. They fixed a regular	should sit in the Legislature was deter-		to go back to bendor on redotth arende.	fore he had finished his fourteenth year, the dear boys been; their father and mine sion, she bade God bless me; and then
	uch an accession of strength would en-	tariff upon them-ten per cent on the	mined by the fist of the Gommanding	rectly, and of \$1,000,000 more which ren		she often heard from; his ship sometimes had been labourers in the same vineyard; with composed steps, and now and then
- 3	lungur the ascendance of their party To	bonds. Upon these terms they were grant-	General. In the plenitude of his power-	within the same class. This case was de	tween Tommy and his teacher the day pre-	she often near inon, his sing sometimes had been how a walcome visitor turning and as the walk of the
1.0	langer the ascendancy of their party. To	ed without pause or stint. Millions upon	as in all cases where arhitrary nower ex-	cided at January Term, 1869.	vious had something to do with it:	put into port; and once, to the terror and and as I had always been a welcome visitor, turning up, as she walked along, the
1	revent this result a measure was resolved	willions were word amon At length the	ista ha basama capricione unabla da			consternation of her loving and yearning when a boy, at the Manse of Castle-Holm, massy flower-branches of the laburnum as
1	on, so radical in its nature, that it gave a	millions were voted away. At length the	ists-ne became capitolous, unable of de-	The University Dellaged Company a Hol	should fight that little follow " said the	heart, the young midshipman stood before so had I been, when a man, at Sunny-side. bent with their load of beauty they trailed
1	name to that party. ~ That measure was to	bonds were voted with such prodigal pro-	termine his own mind; for he is known to			her, with a laughing voice, on the floor of Last time I had been there, it was during upon the ground, she disappeared into
- 27	rive the right of suffrage to the negro	fusion that a feeling of apprehension was	have altered his determination after it had	den, Governor, and Jenkins, Treasurer.	schoolman to Lommy, who had pounded a	the parlor, and rushed into her arms. He the holidays, and I had accompanied the that retirement, which, notwithstanding
100	The neuro was then utterly ignorant and	excited; a doubt began to be entertained	been publicly proclaimed. Such a Legis-	The former case fell under the second	small boy.	a start start start start start should be an an and be an and be an
	and not the faintest concention of the duties	whether the credit of North Carolina even	lature possessed no more power to bind	class mentioned by the Chief Justice-an	"Well, then, why do you meddle with	a set the state of the second set of the second set of the second s
- 2	had not the faintest conception of the duties	which had always stood so high would	the neonle of this State to a redemution of	exchange of State bonds for the bonds of	things you don't understand?" replied	and proudly, although sadly too, did she the Lochs in the moor; and in the even- think deserved almost to be called happy,
-	of citizenship, but for that very reason he	which had always stood so high would	the people of this State to a redemption of	a comporation This letter case fell under	Tommy as he passed out through the open	
	would be only the more pliant tool. Such	sustain them. There was no thought for	its promises, than any other body of men	a corporation. This latter case fell under	window	in the kirk with his uniform on, and his useful studies; so I could not leave Castle- less know is a world of sorrow.
12	measure would reverse the fundamental	the resources of the State-it was well	who should go into the Capitol to-morrow,	the arst class-a direct subscription by the	window.	