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# Portry of the Bible.

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CHRISTIANITY is a truth, a sublime reality. John the Baptist, the judgment of Solomon, Saul at is a substantial groundwork of a stupendous superthe tomb of Samuel, the miracles of Christ, the transstructure. It has to do with the interests, rather figuration, the crucifixion, the resurrection, the dethan-the fancies of men. It comes in no gorgeous scent from the cross, the last supper, the last judgarray to fascinate vain minds. It is not an imaginament. Mighty themes! How full of aliment for tive system, and yet the spirit of high pure, celestial the most appetent, the most comprehensive genius ! poetry pervades and animates it. I use the word Would that they had out en often absorbed the spir-Christianity in its most extensive sense, as meaning ituality in the poetry of Christianity. But whatever want of gospel faith might be in them, it could supposed to live happily, are really on bad terms, the Revelation from God contained in his sacred word. I see the authors of the purest, the most not bereave Christianity of her divine honors. beautiful, the most sublime poetry, resorting to this We might proceed to select the numerous illusoriginal fountain with their golden vessels, to draw trations of our main thought. We might quote the their best inspiration thence. And since there is an example of our Saviour, who appealed to the lilies indissoluble bond between poetry and the sister arts of the fill, and the winged denizens of the air of painting and music, all being founded in Nature, for lessons of instruction to men, thus causing an eland bearing their own impress as the gifts of God, I ement of visible, poetic beauty to contribute to the behold the great minds that have been engaged about strengthening of faith in God. In his prophetic these last two waiting in this temple of God, hear the delineations of the desolations of Jerusalem, and the same divine oracle, to obtain the highest subjects, extinction of the Jewish State, he rises to awful which they may expand upon the canvass, or incorbeights of eloquence, painting the gloom and the porate into solemn music. These are the waters grandeur of that tremendous period in colors most where genius delights to bathe its wing. The very appalling. Tradition has multiplied the tragic cirfirst announcement of God's word has in it the elecumstances, while fancy has heightened, if possible, ment of the highest sublimity, as if at man's first inthe effect of the whole. troduction to the mighty revelation of God, he should In Paul's description of the resurrection, (1 Cor. feel his own littleness, and bow in humble adoration 15.) we have a picture of the highest kind, not only before infinite wisdom, knowledge and power .as it respects the effect of the whole, but if we con-Here we have the vast, the sublime, the incomptesider also its minute beauties; its striking contrasts, sible. A few simple things are said. A thousand the lights and shades that harmonize so wondrousare suggested. The imagination is left-not left, ly, the celestial and terrestrial; the earthly and the but rather incited; encouraged to expatiate beyond heavenly, the natural and the spiritual, the mortal this "visible diurnal sphere," and commune with and the immortal. ver. 40-44. Oh! that is a forms of light and love that have sprung from the chapter to be read in heaven at the final Syuod of hand of God. In silent rapture it listens to the song the elect of God, when they shall have met to celeof the angels, the symphony of "the morning stars," brate the victories over sin, death and hell therein that gein other portions of the creation of God .described. There are conceptions and descriptions Creation! This was the grand theme on which the fitted to set the soul on fire ; glowing evidences that genius of Haydn seized, that he might give to the the doctrines and facts of Christianity are canable world the music, and the poetry too, of the works of of awakening the noblest powers of the human soul, God. How profound, how awful the darkness of whether in the way of argumentation or descripchaos! What a glowing, glorious, moment that, It may be added, that the sacred canon closes in a rather a dull market here." when God said, "Let light be, and light was !" I is in the midst of the warmest poetic strains that the manner suited to the whole series of books. The Psalmist says: "By the word of the Lord were the sublimity of the Anoralypse is not chiefly owing to heavens made, and all the host of them by the breath its "mysteries." Its clearest revelations are full of of his mouth." The host of heaven 1 The imagithose "beavenly things," which may well absorb the pation ; tires in its upward flight. So beautiful, so soul of man or angel -- Christian Parlor Mag. vast, so impressive is the array, that millions without The following is exquisite-alas ! that it should the knowledge of the true God, have bowed down be-for its truth. We publish it in the hope that and worshipped them; as if amid all this "dread it may reach some who are guilty perhaps from magnificence of heaven," there must be enthroned mere thoughtlessness, of the odious practice there some superior intelligences, whose favor it was imset forth. The mirror thus held with such excelportant to supplicate. lent tact must reflect too detestable a picture to be If now we descend even to our humble earth, and endured for a moment. It is copied from a work without leaving the epoch of which we have been by Miss Sedgwick, called Means and Ends-from epeaking, contemplate the fresh beauty, and inhale the section "On Conversation." the sweet fragrance of Eden, where God placed GOSSIPING. man "to dress it and to keep it," and that man made The most prevailing fault of Conversation in our in his own image 1 placed where all was loveliness to the eye, music to the ear, rapture to every sense; country, and, I believe, in all social communiwhere holiness was linked with immortality, and ties, is gossiping. As weeds most infest the richthe sense of existence was but the sense of prolonged est soils, so gossiping most abounds amidst the social virtues in small towns, where there is the most enjoyment, and to keep or lose was within his own choice ! Then that vision of beauty in the midst of extended mutual acquaintance, where persons live Paradise, inquaculate woman, the fair prototype of in the closest relations, resembling a large family all that should follow in her train; the crowned circle. To disturb the sweet uses of the little comqueen of earth's kingdom, the brightest jewel in munities by gossiping, is surely to forfeit the benthat crown being the image of God ! No wonder efit of one of the kindest arrangements of Provi- life with the knowledge of their immortal destiny. The inspired eye of Milton should kindle into a flame dence. when contemplating such a theme of poetry as this. In great and busy cities, where people live in Not even the gloom and disaster of the fall could total ignorance of their neighbors, where they canwither all the beauty that was there. The earth not tell how they live, and hardly know when they die, there is no neighborhood, and there is no gos- gift of the tongue, should so waste their time, and remained-the flowers would still bloom-the cryssiping. But need there be this poisonous weed poison social life. But be on your-guard. If your tal waters flow-the ocean roll its massive wavesamong the flowers-this blight upon the fruit, my minds are not employed on higher objects, and your the green bosom of the earth would smile in the eye of man, while beneath it the seed would quicken inyoung frlends? You may understand better precisely what friends and acquaintance. to life. And though storms and tempests might rage, they would but purify the atmosphere, while comes under the head of gossiping, if I give you the seasons amid their successive changes, each charsome examples of it. acteristically different from the rest, would repeat In a certain small thickly settled town there the most impressive lessons to man. Genius, too, lent purposes. lives a family, consisting of a man, his wife, and would awake at their call, and trace the immortal his wife's sister. He has a little shop, it may be line as Thomson has done. And when God said, of the girls. a jeweller's. sadler's. shoemaker's, or what we "I do set my bow in the clouds," and the magnificall a store-no matter which, since he earns ecent arch sprang from the plains of Asia, and asnough to live most comfortably, with the help of cended to mid-heaven, then was realized the imag his wife and sister, who are noted for their indusination's most splendid, most passionate dream of try and economy. One would think they had nobeauty. It seemed as if in those seven brilliant colthing to do but to enjoy their own comforts, and ors, analyzed out of the sun by heaven's prismatic. aid and pity those less favored than themselves. water-drops, God had written on the broad sky an ing.' But instead of all this, they volunteer to supervise illustration of his own perfections. Gon is Light. all the sins, follies and short comings of their The light of holiness shines forth in Him, the chief neighbors. The husband is not a silent partner. of all hie perfections, and blending all in itself .--He does his full share of the low work of this gos-Hence the majestic thought that the Son of rightsiping trio. Go to see them when you will, you cousness should arise with healing in his beams .-may hear the last news of every family within half The Hebrew prophets were poets. Their language a mile. For example, as follows : often rises to the highest style of poetry, and that of "Mr. \_\_\_\_\_ gave 150 dollars for his new wagthe purest, divinest kind, because it is in the thought, on, and he had no need of a new one; the old one the sentiment, the sense, and not in painted words, or has not run more than two years." meretricious sentences, that their power consists .--"Mrs. \_\_\_\_ has got a new hired help; but Campbell" the poet says: "The earliest place in the she won't stay long; it's come and go there." history of poetry is due to the Hebrew mase. . . "Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_ had another new gown at meet-Indeed, the more we contemplate the Old Testaing yesterday, which makes the fifth in less than a ment, the more we shall be struck with the solitary year, and every one of her girls had new ribands grandeur in which it stands as an historical monuon their bonnets; it is a good thing to have rich ment amid the waste of time." So completely is the friends; but for my part, I had rather wear my spirit of poetry and of eloquence intermingled in the compositions of the Hebrew prophets, that the critold ribands." "There go Sam Bliss's people with a barrel of Sally's wedding sky-blue dyed black." ics are undecided whether to class them as orators flour; it was but yesterday she was at the judge's or poete,

Those of INSPIRATION. If it be inquired which are the most celebrated and most successful of the productions of Raphael, Rubens, Van Dye, Paul Veronese, Salvator Rosa, Leonardo da Vinci, and

painters of like elevated name, we shall find that they are the preaching of Paul at Athens, the death of

This is but a specimen of the talk of these una fortunate people, who seem to have turned their home into a common sewer through which all the sins and foibles of the neighborhood run. Yes: but their minds have run to waste, and there is some

> taint, I fear, at their hearts. The noted gossip Miss -----, makes a visit in a town where she has been previously a stranger .--She divides her time among several families. She which her physician said 'might be removed by a is social, and what we think is miscalled agreeable; journey.' It was-and we believe Matilda little for she is perpetually talking of persons and things. She wins a too easy confidence, and she returns home with an infinite store of family anecdotes .-She knows that Mr. and Mrs. So and So, who are and that he broke the hearts of two other women before he married his wife; she knows the particulars; but has promised not to tell. She has found out that a certain family, who for ten years, have been supposed to live very harmonionsly with a step mother, are really eminently wretched. She heard that Mr .-- , who apparently is in a very flourishing circumstance, has been on the brink of bankruptcy for the last ten years-&c. &c. Could this woman find nothing in visiting a new scene to excite her mind but such trumpery ? We have given you this example to show you that the sin of gossiping pervades some communities. This woman did not create these stories. She heard them all, the individuals who told toem to her little thinking that they in turn would become the subjects of similar remarks to the very persons where affairs they were com municating.

What would we think of persons who went about

"Well, what is it then ?"

CHARLOTTE, N. C. SATURDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER 15, 1849.

sorrets,

Mary's tears droped-on her work, but she made no other reply. She had too much delicacy toproclaim her cousin's private good deeds; and she did not tell how Matilda, having had a small sum of money, which was to have been invested in a

new silk gown, gave it instead to her kind 'aunt Sally,' who was sinking under a long indisposition, cared how much these girls gossiped about her dyed frock.

Julia Ivers turned the conversation by saying, Don't you think it strange that Mrs. Sandford lets Maria ride out with Walter Isbel.

'Yes, indeed; and, what is worse yet, accept presents from him.'

'Why does she ?' exclaimed Julia, staring open son's knowing a bit of gossip which had not yet reached her ears.

'Yes, she does : he brought her three elegant plants from New York, and she wears a ring which he must have given her; for you know the Sandfords could not afford to buy such things; and, besides, they never do.'

I have given but a specimen of various characters and circumstances which were discussed, till the young gossips were interrupted by a proposi tion from the president that the name of the society should be changed ; 'for,' as she said, 'the lit. day, but the late arrival of their vessel from abroad pretle charities they did with their needles were a poor offset against the uncharitableness of their tongues.'

THE SECRET MILITARY MOVEMENT.

The N. Y. Joural of Commerce of Thursday makes some disclosures respecting certain military organizations in that city, which go to confirm the statements which have appeared in other journals, that a movement was on foot for the invasion of some foreign territory. Its disclosures are as follows :

THE CUBAN INVASION .- It is notorious that for some time past preparations of an extensive character have been in progress in this city, for some secret military expedition. The leaders are, evidently, shrewd, intelligent, but desperate men, several of whom held commissions in the late American army in Mexico. Quite a number of Spaniards are in close intimacy with them. Several large meet ings in the furtherance of the movement have been held lately in this city, including one which took place last evening, at Lafayette Hall, in Broadway. The room was crowded to excess, princidally with reckless looking characters. They are called upon to enrol their names, with the expectation that the ship will sail on Saturday next,

without fail. They "must expect to undergo all the faher eves, and taken quite aback by another per- tigues of an invading army," and are assured "there will he hard fighting." A very large number of persons are said to have volunteered. It is understood that they are each promised \$1000 a year and outfit. Abundance of arms are said to be on board the vessel, but if any one chooses to bring clothing or munitions, their value will be advanced. They are repeatedly told they "have got to do military duty, and must calculate to run the risk of being shot." Another meeting will be held to-night, and still another, and the last to-morrow evening. Nothing ful in business." See Adam in Paradise. The ant, the definite, however, will be made known until they get underway, when all land. Those who are incompetent, by and economy. reason of youth or infirmity for hard service, are advised not to go. The expedition was expected to sail last Satur-

vented it. The regular monthly payments, however, are to date from that day.

The following, from the same paper of Friday, is the la- Man not to live for self alone.

unday Readin

NO. 10.

" Virtue in itself commends its happiness, " Of every outward objection independent."

Original. Short Sermons on Special Occasions. SERMON I.

1 Thes. IVc. 21v .- "Study to be quiet, and to do you own business."

Introduction .- Most of the moral disorders and t wretchedness that prevail in the world, at the present day, may be traced to two classes of persons, viz : those who have no business of their own ; and those who meddle with the business of other people. Hence the importance of the apostolic exhortation, "do your own business." From this injunction, we are taught.

I. That it is our business in this world to attend to some kind of business.

1. We should study to ascertain the appropriate business of life. Error at this point, is often ruinous. See the failure of many. May we not ascribe it to erroneous views, and often to the preferences of parents and guardians ?

2. We should do what our hands find to do with our might. Eccles. IXc. 10v. "The Idler's brain is the Devil's work shop."

II. That it is our business, to do our own business. And what, may it be asked, is our business.

I. To labour in some useful employment. "Not sloth spider, and the feathered tribe teach us lessons of wisdom

2. To glorify God and secure the salvation of our soul This the chief end of man. "One thing is needful ;" many things may be desirable.

3. To labor to promote the temporal and spiritual well fare of others. "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thysel:."

collecting for exhibition examples of the warts, wens treachery; but, bad as this is, it is sometimes comand cancers with which their fellow-beings, were afmitted more from thoughtlessness than malice .-ficted ? And yet would not their employment be

more honorable, more humane, at least than this gossipmonger's ? We have heard such talk as follows between la dies, wives and mothers, the wives of educated men and persons who were called educated women : "Have you heard that Emma Ellis is going to o Washington ?" "To Washington ! how on earth can the Ellises afford a winter in Washington ?"-Ob, you know they are not particular about their debts and they have six girls to dispose of, and find

'Have you heard the Newtons are going to the the bosom of a family. country to live ?" Biess me ! no ; what's that for?' You know that with the Arabs, partaking salt

They say to educate their children; but my dress maker, Sally Smith, who works for Mrs Newton, is a pledge of fidelity, because the salt is a sym says she is worn out with dioner parties. He runs bol of hospitality, by never making any disparathe house down with company.'

'On, I suppose they are obliged to go to econo- whose families you are received. I know persons mize. You know she dresses her children so ex- who will say unblushingly, "I am sure that Mr. In cther words, we are told if we should lay by sixpence travagantly. I saw Mary Newton at the theatre So and So is not kind to his wife. I saw enough a day and put it out at interest for forty years, we might (she is no older than my Grace,) with a diamond ferto convince me of it when I was there.' 'Mrs. S. is very mean in her family.' 'How do you know roniere."

'Diamond, was u? Julia told me it was an aqua that ?' I am sure I ought to know, for I staid a narina. The extravagance of some people is shockmonth in her house.' 'If you wish to be conng! I don't wonder the men are out of patience. ainced that Mrs. L. has no government over her children, go and stay there a week as I did.'-Don't tell it again, because Ned Miller told me in

"The B.'s and their step mother try to live happily confidence. He actually has locked up all his wife's worked pocket handkerchiefs. Well, whatever else together ; byt if you were in their family as much my husband- complains of, he can't find fault with as I am, you would see there is no love lost bemy extravagance." tween them.' 'Now you perceive, my young friends, that the Perhaps not; but faults far more heinous than ex-

travagance this poor woman had to account forvery reason which should have sealed this gossip's the permicious words lar which we must be brought into judgment. evil report.

I hope it may appear incredible to you, my young I have dwelt long on this topic of gossiping, friends, that women, half way through this short my young friends, because, as I said before, I be lieve it to be a prevailing fault in our young and with a world without them and a world within to social country. The only sure mode of extirpating it is by the cultivation of your minds and the explore and make acquaintance with, with the delightful interest and solemn responsibilities of parpurification of your hearts.

ents upon them, should so dishonor God's good All kinds and degrees of gossiping are as distasteful to an elevoted character as gross and un wholessme food is to a well trained appetite.

hearts on better things, you will talk idly about your

line of this contemplated work for more than thirty days; The habit of gossiping begins in youth. I once attended a society of young persons, from thirteen to seventeen years of age, who met for benevo-

'Is this reading or talking afternoon ?' asked one exclaims:

'Reading,' replied the President: 'and I have brought Percy's Reliques of English Poetry to life ?- for the question of life or death is before her ? What even common sense : it is good husbandry neither for the somnifereus influence is it, from the land of dreams and

There is a species of gossiping aggravated by test intelligence we have concerning secret military movements in New York, about which so much has been said of late :

A girl is invited to pass a day, a week, or a month The Cuban Invasionists, or whatever they may be called, had but a sorry attendance at their meeting last night, it may be, in a family. Admitted to such an in-(unless we except the reporters, of whom there were a very timacy, she may see and hear much that the famfair representation, owing to the prevalence of the storm. ily would not wish to have reported. Circum-It was represented by the speakers that the expedition was stances often occur, and remarks are made, from unavoidably delayed by the non-fulfilment of engagements which no harm would come if they were publish- by those contracting to have the vessel in readiness, though ed to the world, provided what went before and they had forfeited a large sum by so doing ; that the vessel was not yet fully equipped. It was promised that on came after could likewise be known ; but taken Tuesday eveaing next, the whole plan of the expedition out of their connection, they make a false impres. would be divulged. This delay is a grievous disappointsion. It is by relating the disjointed circumstanment to some unfortunate young men, who to our personal .ces; and repeating fragments of conversations, that knowledge, have thrown up good situations, and sold their so much mischief is done by those admitted into effects some time since, with a view to embark in this enterprise.

## Absurd Calculations.

Every now and then-and at pretty regular intervalswe come, in the newspaper, upon an elabora te table, sta ting and making known to us the immense sum we might ging remarks or idle comments about those into realize by foregoing cigars and tobacco-or mint juleps, or thearies, or something else in the small expenditure line come into possession at about the time we were sixty or seventy years old of some twenty or thirty thousand dollars. This is certainly a very agreeable prospect for enterprising young men-but it has one or two little draw backs worth notic ng In the first place, the little problem we refer to requires for a successful solution that the sixpence aforesaid should be invested at compound inter est: now we are not acquainted with any bank, broker or other corporation or gentlemen in the money business who has made arrangements to take sums of that amount on deposit. If we could find a stock jobber of an extraordi nary imagination-a little hard up for a drink, we might perhaps persuade him to accept a loan of that size; but how it is to be effected in the ordinary course of dealing lips, is adduced as the ground of your faith in her we are not sufficiently familiar with the market to see just at the present time. In the second place the tables in question (so accurately prepared) go upon the ingenious supposition that man is especially-constructed for a six penny-saving machine, and that the gratification of his nat ural functions is a foolish and idle perversion of the original design. To save sixpense a day it is taken for granted is the sole end and purpose of his being. If he had been tormed of wood or cast iron or sheet sin (like a child's money box) this would be an exceedingly plausible theory -but as he happens to have a heart, a pulse, a tongue and two or three other lively appliances-he is very apt to forget the necessity of laying by sixpence a day and clapping an extinguisher on all his frailties and enjoyments, while the investment is accumulating at compound interest; in

> Were we disposed to deal further with our profound and far-seeing table makers, we should humbly suggest that most men would like to have a little return for their econemy some time this side of seventy, when we would suppose, according to the Psalmist's computation, that promisory personal notes drawn upon this world are very likely Enquirer. to run. To have twenty thousand dollars just when you don't want it is neither mercantile nor religious nor say esent nor the next world. Thrift is very well in its wa s, that all are equal before the law, and worth, not rank, without economy of some kind or other no man can make makes the man, we had not expected to see an individual's sure of a day's peace or happiness, but vague and impractia numble origin made the subject of taunt and reproach.cable propositions for saving, like these off-repeated calci-If Mr. Ewing was an ostler, and Mr. Meredith a tanner, lations of the newspapers, are likely to bring discredit on the more credit do they deserve-the more true glory they. everything in the name of economy. By presenting im have achieved. They have preved by their lives the incspossible and un-business-like statements they discourage timable value of free institutions. They hold out hope to the young from the very idea of prudence, and drive them every struggling and aspiring youth in this broad land, abroad into a still freer indulgence in the very expenses however poor he may be. The farmer obscurity and presthey are meant to warn them from. Figures, as a great ent elevation show that there are no barriers in this coun Filosopher once said, do sometimes make awful blan. try to the promotion of worth, industry and talents. Such THE SECRET EXPEDITION. The Baltimore Sun publishes a telegraphic despatch from St. Louis, dated the 3d instant, which contains the

4. To pay our honest debts, and keep all our temporal and spiritual matters in order, that we may be always in a state of preparation for death. "Owe no man anything." not even the Printer. "Set thy house in order," and don't peep too often into your neighbor's.

III. That it is our business to let other people's business

1. Are you a preacher. Do not obtrude your nose too far into the private concerns of your parishoners, or med. dle with the appropriate callings of subordinate officers in the church.

2. Are you a layman ? Do not trouble yourself too much with the Preacher's business, nor be too officious in dietating to him what he ought to do, and what he ought not to do. Take care not to pay him calls on Sunday. Do not complain of long, dry sermons, for you could not preach as well if you were to do your best. Do not forget to pay him his salary.

3. Are you an adherent of a Particular sect? Do not nor rejbice over their adversity. Let him that standeth, take heed lest he fall.

4. Are you an editor? Give "the Devil his due. "Write no line, which dying, you would wish to blot."-Give your readers good mental food and, if they do not pay up in due time, remind them of the precept in our text. 5. Are you a loafer ? Remember, you dishonor God disgrace mankind, and shame the Devil. SIGMA.

## Power of the Bible.

A correspondent of the Brookville American, travelling n the southern part of Indiana, gives a graphic and interesting sketch of the town of New Harmony. The car marks of the Rappites have disappeared, and the foot-prints of the Owenites are fast following them. The town site is described as one of great beauty, and it has been well improved. The bouses are not remarkable as to archites ture, but are surrounded by rustic gardens. The writer relates the following incident illustrating the power of th Sacred Scriptures :

"All-of those who remained at New Harmony and in the vicinity, on the failure of the Owen scheme, were infidely The Bible was not read, the Sabbath was disregarded, except as a day of music and dancing, fishing and hunting and so it continued for years. They had undisputed sway antil a few years ago an unpretending youth, who had spent most of his time in a saddler's shop in Brookville. with a Bible in his saddle bags entered the town, as a methodist preacher, and found the door of a widow open for the gospel. He preached and left another appointment He preached again and left another, and although he made no pretensions to great learning, he could tell the simple story of salvation by faith in Christ, and he found even there willing hearts. He soon formed a little society,-The society increased, and it is now in the centre of a good circuit. There is in the town a neat frame church, one of the largest in Poesey county, and a very comfortable parsonage, with garden and stable attached."

## Genius Ascends.

"Tall oaks from little acorns grow, Large streams from little fountains flow." "Ewing was once an ostler in Cincinnati, and Meredith was raised in his father's tan-yard."-Correspondent of the

This, we suppose, (says the Richmond Whig) is a touch of the elite of the Democracy. We do not know how true the statement may be; but in this country, whose boast it

CENTRAL RAILROAD.

The books of subscription have been opened along the some imaginary and impossible bank.

but the stock taken is nothing like what those most deeply interested in the success of the improvement had anticipa ted. Speaking of this state of things, the Greensborough Patriot, a most eloquent and zealous advocate of the road,

> "Is there nothing that will arouse our old Rip Van Winkle State? Is she too lazy to put forth her hand for dear

Painting has been called the peetry of colors -Now when the masters would produce the highest effects of their art, when they would seek the widest scope for their genius, what themes do they select ? | down."

begging." "None of the widow Day's girls were at meeting; but they can walk out as soon as the sun is

' Is not that light reading ?' asked Julia Ivers, "These are old ballads and songs,"

'Yes. I suppose it will be called light read-

'Then I vote against it; mother don't approve of light reading."

Julia, who had the lightess of all minds, and the most voluble of tongues, preferred talking to any face of our land ?' reading. Without loss of time she began to a knot

of girls, who too much resembled her. 'Did you notice Matilda Smith last Sunday ?' 'Yes, indeed; she had on a new silk dress.' 'That is the very thing I wanted to find out, whether you were taken in with it. It was nothing but her old sky-blue dyed.'

'Can that be? why she has worn it ever since she was thirteen. I wonder I did not see the print of the tracks.'

'I did,' interposed another of the committee of investigation. 'I took a good look at it as she stood in the door. She could'nt deceive me with aunt

'I don't think Matilda would care whether you were deceived or not,' said Mary Morris, the youngrequire several thousand dollars to repair the damages est member of the society, coloring up to her eyes. done. The cause of the explosion had not been ascertain ed when our informant left Salem .- Salisbury Watchman. "Oh ! I forgot, Mary,' said Julia Ivers, "that Ma-" Know thyself."

tilda is your cousin.'

shadows and forgetfulness, that depresses our energy ?-has to be transplanted to some other State to be developed and appreciated. The clear eye of Genius itself becomes dim, and its free wing falters, until it flits beyond the atmosphere of this dead sea. Is the recuperative energy of

our people forever lost? Must we continue to dwell under the curse of laziness, with picayunery forever written upon the visages of our people, and poverty inscribed upon the

Such will continue to be the case, we fear, until more dere.-N. Y. Ledger. liberal sentiments obtain, and a higher appreciation of individual excellence arise amongst our people. The only consolation which the soul-sick son of Genius who plumeth his drooping wing for flight beyond his native State, now

hoth, is found in the blessed promise : "He that goeth forth, and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him."

> Argus. EXPLOSION.

We learn by a gentleman who has just returned from visit to the Town of Salem, that one of the boilers at the Steam Cotton Factory in that place, exploded on the morn ing of the 3rd instant, doing considerable damage to the building and engine, but bodily harm to no person. The fireman had just stepped out of the room, and was far enough off to escape the danger. It is thought that it will Cruz."

> UNIVERSITY .--- We learn from the Register that seventy new students have entered the University, and that others are on the way. The roll of students now contains one hundred and sixty-six names.

following information in relation to this much talked of subject :

"A letter has been received in this city from Round Island, midway between Mobile and New Orleans, which ssys that 1000 men of the secret expedition had arrived there and would sail on board the steamboat Tahez, on the 20th August, for Deer Island, about 100 miles distant from who thinks that Sierra Madre will be the place of destination. Twenty thousand men from different seaports of the U. States were expected to rendezvous at a point near Vera.

> mington Rail Road Company have passed a resulution of fering to take Stock in the North Carolina Central Rail Road Company to the amount of Fifty Thou sand Dollars, provided payment for it can be made in tr popurtation on he Wilmington Road.

Hon. T. Butler King, by the last accounts received he Government from California ; was about to take a journey through the inhabitated part of California, with the view of acquiring information of its situation, capabilities, and prospects. General Smith. and several officers of the staff. Vera Cruz. The writer is a member of the expedition, with Doctor Tyson, an experienced geologist of Maryland, were to accompany Mr. King; and Commodore Jones, it he could be spared from the coast. Fifty Thousand Dollars .- The Directors of the Wil

examples are worth more to the cause of real Democracy, than all the preachments of all the demagogues and treasury-fed patriots the land can boast. Messrs, Ewing and Meredith. however, it must be con fessed, are not of the elite. If that's an unpardonable ain n the eyes of modern Democracy, it can't be halped !