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## BILL ABP'S LETTER.

"An album's pages tell of many a friend  
Lost to the night, but to the memory dear."  
Those lines are the beginning of  
some verses I wrote in a school girl's  
album fifty-four years ago. The little  
book is near me now. It is old and  
worn and it makes me sad to turn its  
leaves and read the pretty verses that  
adorn its pages. The authors  
were her best friends and all are dead  
but one—the one now writing this  
letter. "Friend after friend departs  
who has not lost a friend?" This  
album was captured during the war  
and carried away to Babylon  
and kept a prisoner in a straggle land  
for twenty-one years and then was re-  
turned through the mail. It takes  
conscience a long time to bring re-  
sponse to some people. That school  
girl is my wife—the one sitting by  
me now, sewing, making a little  
dress for a grandchild. Will she  
never stop making little garments?  
I asked Jessie last night how many  
garments it took for her little Caro-  
line in each and every year, and she  
counted them up—eight little dresses,  
ten petticoats, four pairs of drawers,  
two pair night drawers and one cloak  
—say twenty-five garments for winter  
and as many more for summer, and  
she makes most all of them herself.  
My wife has done all this for ten  
children until they were fifteen years  
old. Fifty times last year she made  
600 times 15 makes 7,500 garments  
and she still keeps working on. But  
she is not worn out nor thin nor pale  
nor haggard nor is her eye dimmed  
when she has on her gold-bound  
glasses. Oh, these good old mothers.  
Mine did the same thing for her flock  
and my wife's mother the same for  
hers and so do they all—except some.  
I loved my mother dearly, but it  
grieves me sometimes that I did not  
love her better, for I did not realize  
how much she did for me and how  
very her soul was wrapped up in her  
children. Stop young man, stop and  
think when you are far away from  
home rollicking and frolicking with  
your gay companions—stop some-  
times, stop and think of your good  
mother and write to her and love her  
letter. Hopeful and sad she waits  
for every mail and never despairs.

But about albums. A friend has  
left his with me for perusal—one of  
these old time mental photographic  
albums with about twenty questions  
to be answered. I have seen them  
before and was amused at the answers,  
but this one interested me for its  
pages contain an autobiography of  
many noble and notable men. It  
tells a condensed story of their emo-  
tional and mental character. When  
a man of the right is asked to write  
for us, and we will send it on good  
security free of charge to the depositor.  
We make thorough examination of title  
to insure as secured by law.  
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owners of same.

This album begins with Alex  
Stephens in 1874 and then follows  
Rich Roberts, Herbert Hoover, John  
Johnson, General Kirby Smith, James  
K. Randall, Richard Malcolm John-  
son, L. Q. C. Lamar, Richard H.  
Clark, John B. Gordon, Thomas M.  
Norwood, Rev. M. Palmer, Henry S.  
Foote, Logan E. Bleckley, Robert J.  
Burke, Paul H. Payne, Joel  
Chandler Harris, Wallace P. Reed,  
Mrs. Octavia Walton Le Vert, Judge  
Hook, Richard A. Proctor, the great  
astronomer, and others. Every name  
is noble and notable, and their an-  
swers are indexes to their characters.  
Stephens' favorite book is Milton,  
Pope and Shakespeare, his heroine  
Rebecca in "Ivanhoe"; his hero  
Washington; his occupation reading  
and farming; his best trait in man is  
truth, and in woman modesty.

Roomba's favorite is Shakespeare  
and Tom Moore; Gibbons and Mac-  
cauley; his characters in fiction  
Rienzi, in history Socrates; his fa-  
vorite occupation building air castles;  
best trait in man justice, in woman  
charity; the sum of human happiness  
is to make others happy.

Governor Johnson likes Pope, Mil-  
ton and Byron and Swedenborg,  
knows nothing of romance; his best  
characters Washington and Jefferson;  
his occupation reading and writing;  
the highest traits truth and benevo-  
lence; his watchword duty.

Kirby likes Gray, Young  
and Tennyson, Scott, Irving and  
Maccauley; his favorite characters Sir  
Gallahad and St. Paul; his favorite  
occupation "making love to my wife";  
his best traits in man are truth and  
honesty; the sum of human happi-  
ness contentment.

James E. Randall likes Shakespeare  
and Byron, Bulwer, Thackeray and  
Maccauley; his favorite character in  
romance is Warington in "Penden-  
nis"; in history Fenelon; occupation  
reading and writing; the highest  
trait in man devotion to principles,  
in woman modesty; the sum of hu-  
man happiness is resignation.

R. M. Johnson liked Byron, Scott,  
Keats and Mrs. Hemans, Maccauley,  
Bulwer and Goldsmith; historic char-  
acter Alexander Arelous; occupation scribbling;  
sum of happiness consciousness of  
God's favor.

L. Q. C. Lamar liked best Byron  
and Burns, Maccauley, Bulwer and  
Plutarch; best characters Greatheart  
in "Pilgrim's Progress," in history  
Washington and Hannibal; his fa-  
vorite occupation teaching in college;  
the sum of human happiness the love  
of God.

John B. Gordon preferred Shake-  
speare, Maccauley and Carlyle; his  
favorite characters Washington and  
Cato; his favorite occupation raising  
fine stock; best trait in man, integrity,  
in woman tenderness.

T. M. Norwood, Shakespeare and  
Byron; best trait in man honor.

Wallace P. Reed likes Shakespeare  
and Maccauley; best character is Na-  
poleon; best trait, justice; sum of all  
happiness is a happy home.

Joel Chandler Harris prefers Shake-  
speare, Scott and Thackeray; best char-  
acters, Jefferson and Lincoln; favorite  
occupation, looking after my roses;  
best trait in man honesty; sum of  
human happiness to be at home.

Of these men name the sweetest  
words in our language and also the  
saddest. Among the last are lost—  
forever lost—it might have been—  
friendless—hopeless—forsaken, and  
one says most of them begin with the  
letter D, as disappointment, dismay,  
destruction, despair, debt, dums,  
death, damnation and the devil.

There are other writers in this al-  
bum, but space forbids. These are  
enough for a young man to choose  
from. From these he can make up a  
good library, for there is not a ques-  
tionable book among them. Shake-  
speare and Maccauley are in the lead  
for authors and Washington for char-  
acter, truth for the best trait in man  
and modesty in woman. About half  
these men lived the early morning and  
the other half the twilight, except  
Wm. L. G. Lamar, who says his  
favorite hour is a look at night.  
(I never knew before that he played  
poker.) Of these sixteen notable men  
just half are dead. Their record is  
made up and the book is closed. Their  
influence upon the present generation  
cannot be estimated nor over-estimated.  
No great or good man or woman  
has an adequate idea of what he or  
she is worth to mankind. Last  
Sabbath we heard a very grand dis-  
course upon environment from Rev.  
Mr. Mumford, who has established  
that industrial school near Mason for  
the rejected children of the state,  
those who are under the ban and  
whom nobody wants and nobody cares  
for—the children of drunken or dis-  
reputable parents and whom no  
orphans will receive. The eloquent  
and earnest preacher declared in  
words that burned: "Men and  
women are not born, they are made!  
Made by their environments, their  
parents or their early associates." He  
is going over the state gathering up  
the friendless and pleading with the  
good people to give these children  
a chance. "Give every friendless  
child a chance," he earnestly ex-  
claimed. His text was "Bear ye one  
another's burdens and so fulfill the  
law of Christ." It is a hardened  
heart who can listen to him and not  
be something. There should be no  
other names in that album, what is  
the worst and most prevalent trait  
in mankind? And I would answer,  
"selfishness."  
BILL ABP.

Better Let the Districts Alone.  
Charlotte Observer.  
The grotesque bill, apportioning the  
State into ten congressional districts,  
according to the plan as given in yester-  
day's paper, was passed by the Demo-  
cratic legislative caucus last night by  
a vote of 60 to 43. This is the bill  
which the ninth district members of  
Mecklenburg, Gaston, Cleveland,  
Lincoln, Catawba, Burke, Mitchell,  
Yancey, Manston. More grotesque is  
the arrangement which constitutes the  
seventh district of the counties of Un-  
ion, Assoon, Richmond, Scotland,  
Moore, Montgomery, Randolph, Davie  
and Yadkin. It is a far call from  
Mecklenburg to Madison, but not fur-  
ther than from Scotland to Yadkin.

If the devil does get his dues and  
gives some people their dues, there is  
going to be a picnic some day in Pan-  
demonium. I have long since aban-  
doned from my mind the thought that  
the devil will get anybody whom he  
ought not to get and that he will do  
more to them than he ought to do.

But I have laughed much this week  
over the board of trade valentines and  
the Georgia minstrels. That's comedy,  
gentlemen, pure and simple.

## LETTER FROM SAM P. JONES.

Says the World Never Needed Old  
Fashioned Mammas and Daddies.  
Like It Needs Them Today.

The peddlars of human affairs  
swings rapidly these latter days. Some-  
times a fellow has to hold his breath as  
he looks on. The saying that "if you  
let it alone will run you out" is a  
great big whopping lie, but it is a lie  
that has been told so often that the  
majority of the people in this country  
believe it is true. A fellow said to me  
the other day that if a man will let  
whiskey alone it will let him alone.

This is the whopper of the day. It  
is a lie because a man has let  
whiskey alone and yet because some-  
body else drank it a husband has  
shot down and the widow and orphans  
have been left homeless and penniless.  
Sometimes a good mother that always  
let whiskey alone will find that it is  
whiskey she won't let her alone, and  
this is true of the other devils of life.

Tragedy and comedy. There are  
many things to laugh at and others  
that make your blood run cold. What  
a tragedy the papers this week report  
from the fashionable resorts of Europe.  
These horrors are not accidents or the  
misdeeds of a day; they have their roots  
running backward and running down-  
ward. Society is getting more cor-  
rupt, modesty and purity are standing  
at the premium, decency and sobriety  
are being abandoned, and the old-fash-  
ioned mammas and daddies like it  
need them today. We have substitutes  
for them called mammas and papas,  
of which I am whom, and they are a  
sorry set.

Buggy and bicycle riding, ballrooms,  
etc., have not made the young men,  
they are like the old woman's collars when  
she said, "if you cook these before  
frost bites them if you don't put beef of grease  
in them you will find after you eat  
them that they have got the very devil  
in them." The young men need  
need grace instead of grease and a great  
deal more grace than goes to that phase  
of life. I tell you the young bucks and  
buckesses are up to snuff these days.

I noticed a report in the New York  
World the other day of the woman who  
dined at the fashionable restaurant in  
New York, that 75 per cent. of them  
took wine and whiskey with their din-  
ner. I said it and stick to it that  
when a woman is full of wise she is not  
able to take care of herself properly in  
the midst of this crooked and perverse  
generation. There should be no other  
names in that album, what is the  
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joint, almost prostrating him with severe  
pain, which was relieved by two applica-  
tions, rubbing with the balm on re-  
peating at night, and getting up free  
from pain. For sale by M. L. Marsh.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—Senator Bul-  
wer today gave notice of an amendment  
he will offer to the sundry civil bill, in-  
creasing the salaries of Senators and  
members of Congress to \$7,500 per year.

We regret to see that the Senate adds  
abandonment after three years to the  
causes for divorce. The house should  
hold out against it. The New Testa-  
ment standard is the right one and the  
nearer the State can get to it the better  
it will be.  
—Webster's Weekly.

## AN EXTRAORDINARY CASE OF MISTAKE IN IDENTITY.

How George Johnston Served Eight  
Years in Place of Christopher Betchler,  
Near Raleigh, N. C.

RALEIGH, N. C., March 2.—An  
extraordinary case of mistaken identity  
has just been developed here before Jus-  
tice Montgomery, of the supreme court,  
in the case of George Johnston, a  
white man, who has been unlawfully  
confined in the penitentiary for the  
past eight years.

Fifteen years ago a young white man  
by the name of Christopher Betchler  
was convicted in Shelby, N. C., of an  
aggravated case of stealing, and was  
sentenced to ten years in the peniten-  
tiary near this city. Betchler was the  
son of German parents who had resided  
for many years in the town of Ruther-  
ford. His father—Augustus Betchler—  
was a jeweler. After gold was  
discovered in Rutherford, Burke and  
McDowell counties, in 1870, old man  
Betchler was authorized by act of  
congress to coin gold dollars, and he  
bought the dust from the miners and  
coined it into dollars as high as the  
fifty dollar piece. "A. Betchler" was  
stamped on each coin and they were  
sent to the penitentiary for the purpose  
of the coin of the United States. These  
coins in this day are known as the  
"Betchler dollars," and are now  
preserved by those who have them as  
rare coins. After the war the Betchler  
family moved to Spartanburg, S. C.  
There were several sons and daughters,  
all handsome and well educated.  
"Chris," as he was called, turned out to  
be the "black sheep" of the flock.  
After he was sent to the penitentiary  
he remained there two years and then  
made his escape.

In 1893 Captain J. M. Fleming, who  
was warden of the penitentiary when  
"Chris" Betchler was received there,  
and who held this position until 1895,  
was in attendance on the superior court  
of Randolph county, at Asheboro, as a  
witness. While there a man known as  
George Johnston was the plaintiff in a  
case which was a robbery of 700  
acres of land on which gold in consider-  
able quantity had been found. Fleming  
saw this man and made inquiry  
concerning him, and found that he had  
located in Randolph county some time  
during 1888. It was in 1887 that  
Fleming escaped from the penitentiary,  
and he had been in the State for some  
time. Fleming was positive that John-  
stone was "Chris" Betchler, and so stated.  
On the trial of the land case Johnston  
was asked if he was not "Chris" Betch-  
ler, and if he had not been convicted of  
stealing in Shelby in 1885 and sen-  
tenced to ten years in the penitentiary,  
and had escaped therefrom in 1887?  
Of course Johnston denied bitterly all  
this and said he was an entirely differ-  
ent man from Betchler. The defendants  
in the land case had Johnston arrested  
as an escaped prisoner. Johnston  
denied a writ of habeas corpus, but  
could not produce any positive asser-  
tion of Fleming that he was "Chris"  
Betchler, and the judge refused to dis-  
charge him and ordered that he be re-  
turned to the penitentiary. The arrest  
was made and was all right, but John-  
stone to lose the land suit. As soon as  
Johnstone reached the penitentiary he  
sent for a lawyer, but had no money to  
pay him. He gave the lawyer the ad-  
dress of a number of people in Mont-  
gomery county and that of a man in  
Atlanta, whom he said knew him and  
would clear him if not Betchler. The  
lawyer wrote twice to each of these  
parties and did not receive an answer to  
a single letter that he wrote. The fail-  
ure to have his letters returned or to re-  
ceive an answer from either of the par-  
ties without announcing the fact of the  
discovery, he immediately wrote the  
minister of the law in favor of John-  
stone and gave no more attention to  
the case.

Four weeks ago Colonel Cebren L.  
Harris, a man of 79 years of age, who  
formerly resided in Rutherford and  
now resides in the town of Rutherford,  
was in attendance on the superior court  
of Randolph county, at Asheboro, to  
testify in the case of Johnston. Harris  
was asked and he testified that he  
knew the man who was in the peniten-  
tiary and that he was "Chris" Betchler,  
and that he had known him as a  
prisoner in the penitentiary for the  
two years he was in the penitentiary.  
That he had escaped and remained at  
large until 1895, when he was arrested  
and returned to the penitentiary, and  
that the resemblance of the pris-  
oner to Betchler was very striking.  
Col. Harris was then put on the witness  
stand and told of the young boy "Chris"  
Betchler he had known before the war  
for fifteen years; how he had seen him  
grow up to be a man, and that he knew  
him perfectly well and could not be mis-  
taken, and that the prisoner before the  
court was not "Chris" Betchler, and  
that since he had seen the prisoner in  
the penitentiary he had thought the  
man over and had talked with his  
wife about the case, and that there was  
a test that would certainly show whether  
the prisoner was Betchler. Harris then  
asked the prisoner to exhibit his right  
leg above the ankle for examination.  
The prisoner complied with this request,  
and Harris made an examination and  
found that the prisoner was not "Chris"  
Betchler because Betchler had the scars  
of a bad dog bite on his right leg which  
he received when he was a boy not over  
ten years old, and that Harris had killed  
the dog. On this evidence Justice  
Montgomery discharged the prisoner  
from further imprisonment.

The attorney of Johnston is now  
awaiting a decision of the Supreme  
Court in another case as to whether the  
State's prison is such a corporation as  
can sue. If this decision is to the

## THE LEGISLATURE.

RALEIGH, N. C., February 27.—The  
penion bill passed the house to-day on  
its final reading by a vote of 90 to 0.  
The only amendment adopted is that  
all applications for pensions are required  
to appear before the board of county  
pension boards July 1st for examination  
as to physical disability. The bill car-  
ries nearly a hundred thousand addi-  
tional pensions for trustees to the Uni-  
versity. One Democratic member at-  
tempted to have Charles M. Mann,  
manager of the Vanderbilt's Biltmore  
estate and a McKinley elector in the  
late campaign, stricken from the list  
because he was a Republican and not a  
North Carolinian, but the attempt  
failed. A bill was introduced in the  
senate to amend the constitution so as  
to allow localities to vote at any time  
for special tax for schools.

RALEIGH, N. C., Feb. 28.—In the  
House, Winston introduced a bill to as-  
sertain who paid the poll tax.  
Wataiker, of Guilford, introduced a  
bill empowering executors to make  
deeds in certain cases.  
In the Senate, Glenn introduced a  
bill to regulate the employment of law-  
yers by State institutions.  
The Reformatory bill was referred to  
the appropriation committee.

Smith introduced a bill to prevent in-  
debtedness of State institutions without  
authority of the legislature.  
Shannonhouse introduced a bill to  
prevent merchants from dealing in  
trading stamps.  
The new amendment to the constitu-  
tion was considered in the House,  
providing that the money paid by  
whites for taxes shall go to the white  
schools, and money paid by negroes to  
negro schools. It separates the races in  
the school tax, and the negroes are  
to pay for their own schools.  
The bill for the Winston dispensary  
passed.  
Simms introduced a bill to secure to  
State employes one day's rest in seven.  
The bill to increase the State Librar-  
y salary to \$1,000, allow him \$300  
for assistant and \$100 for the  
reading rooms for the races introduced.  
The House took up revenue bill by  
sections. The first two sections passed  
without objection. Hot debate on the  
third.

The report of M. C. S. Noble on his  
visit to the State Normal School for  
negro normal schools was made public  
to-day. He says he regards it as a  
waste of money to continue these  
schools under the present system; that  
none of the work of their students sur-  
vives; that the school is a separate  
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Remarkable Cures of Rheumatism.  
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