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> Written for the Rocket. SUMMER THOUGHTS.

Shall I tell in sounding numbers, In accents clear and high,

The things for which poets languish, And for which maidens sigh? We might show, As you know, Wonders of book-love and story; Splendors of Art; deeds of glory; But 'tis not of these, I reply.

The mind would now rest at noon-tide, And we would seek the shade; Some clear cool nook by sounding brook Some shady rock or glade, With green leaves For our caves, For such retreat in summer's heat, Dreaming poet or maiden sweet,

Might seek, languish and sigh! Book-love, or even daring deeds, Of knights and heroes bold; Twere labor now to even read Or of them to be told, You and I

Would draw nigh Where dame nature gives us fountains, A stormy sea-shore and mountains-A cool "Land of the sky."

As the hart panteth for water, As eagles mounteth high, So seek our people the sea-side-So to the mountains fly. Our dear State, Broad and great

Giveth to all, both great and small, Fair seas, springs, and mountains tall, Where winds and breezes fly! D. McNEILL Montpelier, N. C.]

SAM JONES.

Talks About Truth to Tennesseans.

An idea is a thought worked into shape ready for hand, tongue, or feet. As you think, so you are, Tell me what you are thinking about to day and I'll tell you what you'll you may be doing to-morrow.

rounded. You are very much like truth in detail. the world around you-like your good as anybody. No man can stay presence of any other minister of the every word he utters. Gospel he will not swear. I know no good man would-or, I should say, no gentleman would. I have overheard men swear who, on no-

God's pardon-not mine." It is the world that shapes us of the things we associate with. ted with gloom; but surround me let us tell the truth while we live. with the aroma of the beauty of into my heart. The man who puts his mind and his eye on the truth and lives in an atmosphere of truth, will as naturally speak the truth as syrup. It is what cometh out that defileth the man. It is these out-

If there is one character I despise above all others, it is a liar-all ar"-and I'd rather be the lowest town dog that roams the street at

gushings that show what we are.

at three fair trials. life! one who lives in, by, with, he gets! and for the truth! His life becomes

were to try.

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or not. better than money—oh, so much given his all to God is robbing God she tells you to "go on, husband; better than money. I never saw a of all the dear Father wants. [Amen. I'm afraid I can't get ready in time real truthful man who couldn't get Amen.] But I'll do right toward for you; I don't want to hinder all the money he wanted, however God and my neighbor-for such a you." poor he might be, while I have seen man is in the army of Jesus Christ wealthy liars who couldn't get ac- and trying to do right by all. commodation at all.

There are (turned to the colored pews) darkies here who can get credit at any store in Murfréesborough. This is because of their reputation for truth. There are others who have all known men out of the behave yourself." And then I walk pins, because they are known as the good enough as he is, and he be- my wife's face and tears in her eyes, to say. [Laughter.]

Oh, how I love the man who is true to his word, to his friends, to his God-who is true to truth! have heard reports that I earnestly either side. [Laughter.] He is believed until some common liar neither in the garden of God nor in unjust we are to our wives, our chilwould come along and repeat it, and the devil's plantation. then I wouldn't believe a word of it. [Laughter.]

Christianity demands truth in our [Amen. Amen.] inward hearts-Christianity is truth! I and you, and you, my brethren, are truthful only as we are true to God, to ourselves, to humanity. Better die than tell a lie. It dosen't take ten, a hundred, nor a thousand lies to constitute a liar. He who tells one lie is as much of a liar as the man who tells a thousand. A truthful child is the greatest earthly blessing. Many children tell lies be doing to-morrow; so let me tell from fear of the switch. How gratiyou, brethren, you'd better mind fying to a parent to have one truthwhat you are thinking about to-day telling child, on whose word he can if you know what's good for you-if implicitly rely. I have known such a you would have any respect to what little fellow, and when you take him on your knee and say, "You tell trader lies-not knowing that to keep You purtake of the nature of men your father all about it," he'll split his mouth shut is the biggest sort of and things by which you are sur- a hair a mile long to get at every lie. I have heard men brag about

circumstances and associates. Place odist preacher down in Georgia by the disease, steal from the roads.the worst man in Murfreesborough | the name of Dillard. He's not very | Some fellows think they have done in good company and he'll be as smart, but when he tells a thing he a smart trick if the conductor over neither adds to nor takes from, and looks them and they get a free ride with me for an hour and not be as all the neighborhood believes him, Before I would do such a thing as good as I am-and I don't mean to whatever he says. Such a man is that I'd hunt the conductor from South, and the Baltimore "Manufacsay that in my presence or in the like a pair of balances-he weighs the "smoker" to the "sleeper," and

I am sorry for that husband who of hounds. [Laughter.]

Imbibe the truth in its best sense, do you want with money?"

want a man who is true in all. syrup will flow from a jug filled with Methodist. I say Methodist, for I she has been kind, self-sacrificing \$6,352.000. never refer critically to any other de- and true in all respects; I must buy nomination. I feel free to rebuke her a present." So he went down Methodists, and I find that keeps town that day and walked into a me as busy as I want to be kept. store and bought himself a new hat, [Laughter]. It's all I can find time consoling himself that nothing would tories, agricultural-implement facto- posed the certificate of church memlet around. [Laughter.],

ing. In fact, he does everything the way. How I love a truthful man- church requires of him. But he truthful in every act and word of his swindles his neighbors every chance children, exacting of them things tial way.

Georgia who thinks it no harm to is the better man of the two? you ask. husbands, children! tell a lie about some things. He Why, I'd better be like big-hearted,

dous lie, and he hasn't cared for ly- to the church and pay God what is children besides, while you have

[Laughter.]

I through the crack of the fence on ourselves the first ones there.

Every man, to occupy his true po- our neighbors.

tell a lie. I should suppose a mer- man who has such a wife as that. chant of that kind would feel loneabout in spots. [Laughter.]

A man can lie and never open his mouth. That's the way a horsecheating conductors out of a ride, We've got a little one-horse Meth- and then the conductors, catching

ever of respect. Much as I love my different thing. Some men are nevwife, I'd rather weep over her dead er just to their wives. They pay morally. We partake of the nature body than to know she would pre- their cook \$5 very willingly Satur-

wife one morning suggested that There are two characters in Mur- that was her birthday, and he said

we don't do ourselves, and berating

his slaves free, which was a stupen- [Laughter.] As for me I'll come in- not only to dress herself, but five - Washington Post.

ing since. A truthful man always due him; then I'll pay the world its nothing to do but get ready? "Hurtells the truth, whether under oath dues. If I rob anybody it will be ry up, hurry up; I don't want to be you-I won't rob God-and every too late! If you don't hurry, I'll go Truth, my brethren and sisters, is man out of the church who hasn't on by myself." And after a while

walked off, out the gate and fifty "I was called "good" myself while yards down the road, and then I'd out of the church. Oh, yes-I was stop and think. I'd say: "Sam thing." good! I was goodness on wheels. Jones, you are the meanest man living, and you shan't go to church nor whas elected der poys began to drop ability. Many have a smattering of But behold the absurdity! We anywhere else till you learn how to couldn't get credit for a paper of church of whom it was said, "He is back and go in and find worry in troit. By George, I vish I vhas you!" tellectual development stops. Even biggest liars outside of purgatory. lieves it." He thinks himself, per- and I go up and put my arms around I treat der crowd to beer. Pooty impartial men with whom I have [Dat's so-yah-yah-yah !] And the haps, too good to join, but when her and kiss her-there's nobody darkies are not the only liars in pressed to join he says, "I'm too there but us two-[laughter] and Murfreesborough, either, I'm sorry mean." [Laughter.] He is first one say, "Wife, I'm just as mean as a thing and then another; he is like a dog; I know I am, and I want you whas now in der presence of der next any just conclusion here. There poor old ox in a long hot lane-all to forgive me;" and she forgives me, boss of der gustom-house. I calls can be no doubt, however, of the nethe grass he gets is what he bites and we get ready and go-and find for dree cheers for Karl Dunder!'

> The Lord have mercy on us; how dren, our brothers and sisters, and

I know a merchant by the name street and take off their hats and says of Lee. I once saw a customer come bow and smile as sweet and tenderinto his store to buy a plow, and he ly, "How are you, madam?" and asked whether the blade was hard then go home and wound their own was Mr. Lee's reply. Wasn't he a all wives but their own. And so it strange merchant? I asked him is with some wives; they are all why he hadn't told the man that smiles and kind words in company, perhaps it was hard enough, or some- and cut their husbands to the heart thing of that sort, but he wouldn't with their tongues. God pity the

I don't scold; if I do, I intend to of office, and my old voman says a career in the professions, outside some in most places-lonesome scold somebody else's wife. I have der poys make a fool of me." heard mother say, when a neighbor's child would break some article of value. "Oh, it doesn't matter," when, if their own child were to do it, they'd slap him clean across the room. [Laughter.] Lord, give us a religion that will make us good to our wives and children and friends and neighbors. [Amen! amen!]

Frequent references have been made to the industrial growth of the turer's Record" furnishes some inthen chase him down with a pack teresting statistics as to the development in that section during the first | Say !" cannot rely implicitly on every word | It's ten thousand times harder to six months of the present year. The his wife says. And I am sorry for be just than generous. It is easy amount of capital invested during that wife who cannot trust her hus- enough to give a poor woman a dol- that period is greater than ever be- say something, und doan' you foranswered such. "You'd a great deal doubted by the other there can be things, just to God, to your family, recognized. The amount of capital vill begin to hurrah for der next better be on your knees begging but little love left and nothing what- to your children, to all men, it is a stock represented by new enterprises bost-master. You ought to be here! for the first six months of this year Der dog vhill be loose, und I shall amounts in round numbers to \$36,- haf two glubs handy, und you vhill 534,000. The different States are see fifteen men in sooch a hurry to varicate as to any statement she day night, but when the hard-work- represented as follows in the total: get oudt doors dot you belief some Bring hither a corpse and a coffin, might make to me. Oh, brothers! ing, economical, painstaking wife Alabama, \$3,580,000; Arkansas, earthquakes whas shaking oop Deand I will soon be perfectly satura- oh, sisters! if we die in a poorhouse, asks for a little money on Monday, \$375,000; Florida, \$479,000; Ken- troit! Shust come aroundt and see the brute will say: "Oh, wife, what tucky, \$1,580,000; Georgia, \$10,621,- how a disabbointed office-seeker vhill 000; Louisinia, \$1,407,000; Maryflowers, and theirsweetness melts and you will live a pure life. Some I knew a fellow in Georgia who land, \$4,633,000; Mississippi, \$416, are true in different respects, but I had been married 10 years. His 000; North Carolina, \$1,535,000 South Carolina, \$427,000; Tennessee, \$1,902,000; Texas, \$1,319,000; freesborough, one of whom is a to himself, "I've got a good wife; Virginia, \$2,008,000; West Virginia,

They Had Better Stay Away.

"I like to know about some office inder Gleveland!" he said, as he beckoned a lawyer across the street from the door of his saloon. "Well, what is it?"

vhas sure of something fat."

some office. My blace vhas head-

"I like to know if I vhas to half

"Then you are looking for some-"Vhell, I dunno. Vhen Gleveland has displayed any real intellectual in here. One of 'em he says: 'Vhat | miscellaneous knowledge, many are a Bostmaster you vill make for De- wordy speakers, but there their in-Vhell, dot tickles me, you know, und in the mechanical arts, sensible and soon anoder crowd comes in, und | conversed thought there was a limione of der poys calls oudt: "Let dis tation upon their powers; but I am convention come to some order. We sure that it is too early yet to reach

"Vhen he says dot I feels goot all soil. He has an innate turn and oafer, und it seems right to set oop liking for this apart from all the inder peer."

"I see."

"Vhell, almost eafery night a gang | could only foster those qualities and sition, must be on the Lord's side. There are men in this very town comes around to my blace to shake acquire those habits which constiwho meet a neighbor's wife on the me by der hand und somepody he tute a careful manager, independent 'Hip! hip! hurrah! Karl Dunder | be produced, then his success and

vhas solid mit der coming adminis- prosperity would be certain. It is tration! He picks oudt der fattest | probable that he will be distinguishenough. "It seems to be too soft," wives with their tongues. Clever to offices for himself und he remempers ed for these qualities sooner than is his friends mit der lean ones!'

"Vhen somepody talks like dot I land owner on a very small scale. feel shmiley und soft, und I tap a This will bring every detail of his innew keg of lager. Now, I like to ask | terests directly under his eye, and you if I vhas right. My poy Shake will make a close supervision of all says I doan' get so much as a shmell affairs possible. He is not fitted for

"I guess they are right." "Don't you belief I vhas get der ustom-house?'

"No, sir." "Nor der bost-office?"

"No, sir." "Don't I half some blace at \$2,000

year?" "I doubt it."

der White House?'

"Not unless you invite yourself."

handle two glubs und a pull-dog!" -Detroit Free Press.

Joining the Church on a Guano Note.

A colored brother removing from Coweta to Meriwether brought along his church letter. Settling near These enterprises are of a general Rocky Mount he concluded to becharacter, embracing iron furnaces come a member at Bethel, a colored and foundries, machine shops, fruit- church near him. It so happened canning establishments, carriage fac- that in the same pocket in which retowns have their regular "town li- to do to tote my own Methodist skil- more please a good wife than to ries, grist mills, marble and slate bership was also deposited last year's make her husband a present of a quarrying companies, and compa- guano note. In handing in his let-Well, of those two characters I am new hat. [Great laughter, especial- nies to mine coal, iron and the pre- ter to the church the brother made a night than to be a man you can't speaking about, one is a Methodist. ly among the married ladies.] He's cious metals and a hundred others, mistake and gave his guano note inrely on a word he says; one who He prays in his family, pays the the meanest man I ever saw, and all proving that the South, even at stead. The church clerk not being couldn't tell the truth to save his life preacher, and goes to prayer-meet- there are a great many just that this time, when the North is suffer- a very good reader never detected ing from business depression, is the error until several months after-We are too often unjust to our growing in a material and substan- ward. Being at a loss what to do about the matter he called upon a It is these industries alone that learned white brother in the settle-The other character is an outsider, them with our tongues when they can give to that section the power ment for advice. The white man so wholly saturated with truth that outside of the church, but he won't don't understand what we want - and independence to which it is just- counseled that the matter be allowhe couldn't tell a talsehood if he swindle any one out of a penny. He And then we are too mean to say ly entitled. It will be noticed that ed to stand, saying that a guano note is charitable and kind-hearted, and ten words to make one of them hap- Georgia takes the lead in the above was more binding than anything I know an old fellow down in gives liberally to the poor. Which py. Oh, how unjust we are to wives, list with \$10,621,500, West Virginia else in the world. It forbid him following next, with Maryland third. even to take a homestead against his If you'll put a little downright jus- The contrast between the old South, religion, and if one lived up to the makes the best witness in the world, generous, manly sinner, you say. tice in your conduct with your chil- which followed a single industry, note's requirements he thought the for he always testifies in behalf And so would I. And on this ex- dren you'll have happier homes .- and the new South, where every va- church ought not to complain. So of the lawyer that calls him. His cuse many keep out of the church. Did you ever start anywhere with riety of industry finds a home, is the guano paper entitles the colored excuse is that directly after the war But why be a fool and be exactly your wife and keep hurrying her up one of which that section and the applicant to full membership at he swore that he had willingly set like either of those characters? when you ought to know she has whole country may justly be proud. Bethel.—Meriwether (Ga.) Vindica-

The Soil the Negroe's only Hope,

anticipated, for at first he must be a

of the ministry, but in planting and

farming the opportunities are fair

and numerous if he can only repress

certain unfortunate traits of his own

character. Land is cheap; the soil

is fertile. Let him be careful, sav-

ing and self-denying and he can se-

more Cor. N. Y. Evening Post.

Brother Jones has the floor:

"Be honest and pay your debts.

merchant for credit and tell him

you are a Presbyterian, he'll say

come back here and look at the Prec-

the line on Presbyterians. This thing

of failing to pay your debts is a ter-

rible thing. God pity a man that'll

poor creditor walking along, God

pity a man who'll board with his

wife in a \$50,000 boarding house and

be owing a bill to some poor, worn-

out woman who is dying from pov-

There is no remedy top of the

earth that posesses so much real ab-

solute merit as Johnson's Anodyne

in a family than a seventh son.

erty.

Rev. Sam Jones on Debts.

John Roach, the ship-builder, has My general conclusion, after obmade an assignment and has passed serving the negroes who inhabit the tobacco belt, is that their means of into bankruptcy. It will be claimed, we presume, that this is the reimproving their condition very sult of Democratic persecution. No much is to be found in agriculture, doubt it is one of the results of the and this I believe to be true of the change of the Administration on the negroes as a race throughout the 4th of last March. The claim that quarters last fall for some Gleveland South. So far they seem to have I've done just that way. I have glubs, and all der boys tell me I been incapable of rising on purely Attorney-General's recent decision affects injuriously the contracts for intellectual lines. The blacks teem the Chicago, Boston and other unlike locusts throughout the southern counties of Virginia, but not one

finished cruisers, is made the groundwork for Mr. Roach's surrender. For years Mr. Roach was the favored ship-builder of the Union .--He was not only protected in the tariff, but in the navigation laws as well. He had the favor of two of the most liberal Secretaries of the Navy that the country ever knew. He drew from the Treasury millions of dollars for jobbery and repairs on worthless ships. He had the good will of the lobby and the rascals in high places. He ought to be a rich gro's capacity as a cultivator of the man, and it is a discredit to his shrewdness if he is not. When Chandler left the Navy Dcfluence of his traditions, his training partment, Mr. Roach probably realand his local situation; and if he ized that his career was ended. His assignment means that the Government is not to be permitted to recover the money which has been of knowledge of how crops ought to

wasted on the Dolphin. Mr. Roach has received about the full value of the craft. He still has the vessel. Now that he has made himself proof against a judgment, the Government can whistle for its ship and its money. But, nevertheless, Mr. John Roach's career as a naval barnacle is ended. If his assignment is a trick, he has forfeited whatever business standing he possessed, and if it is not, he will never again be able to tap the Treasury at will in the name of "Promoted American Industry."

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all kinds of

JOB

-New York World.

A ready, easy and discreet talker or gossip in any way unworthy of There's too many men in the church you as cultivated men and women boarding with their wives. We've you need expect nothing better of got no character in the church, Go the children than that they will talk down town and talk your Methodas father and mother do. If you inism to a merchant, and he'll tell you dulge in "expressive" slang, so will that if you want goods on a credit they, and much also that is neither your Methodism ain't worth a cent expressive nor fit for "ears polite." on a dollar. If you go and ask a

We are in receipt of a circular from the Pioneer mills, Memphis, Tenn., byterian names on my book and urging a convention of Southern cotyou'll see why I am forced to draw ton spinners to meet at Augusta, Ga., on Monday, 27th inst., to discuss the situation and devise some steps whereby the cotton manufacturing ride in a \$500 carriage and see his business can be benefitted. It putlishes the names of thirty mills which express a desire that such convention be held. The principal object of the convention as we understand it is to discuss the question of production and supply.-Charlotte Observer,

One single box of Parson's Purga-tive Pills taken one a night will make more new rich blood, and will more Liniment. It is both for internal effectually purify the blood in the and external use and is worth more system than \$10 worth of any other

and make good all the deficiences of with in society. And yet there is his present condition. Can he be scarcely a single other accomplish-

cure himself all the uncertainties is one of the rarest characters met "Vasn't I even invited down to careful, and saving and self-deny- ment that can render one so charm-Washington to see Gleveland go mit ing.—These are momentous ques- ing as can this. We are filled with tions, which only the future can ful- admiration for him, and if he be a ly answer. If he can be all these, person of fair character, we find our-"Vhell! vhell! So Shake und der his improvement will not be ob- selves craving his friendship, that old voman vhas right, und der boys structed by the white people, for not we may revel in the luxury of the vhas putting some soft soap on me? until he becomes a property holder, words that fall from his lips. Good not until he has an interest in the conversational powers give a man soil, do they expect to see him a an influence among his fellows that "Dot vhas all right, but I like to conservative citizen, as much con- he would never wield without it, cerned as they are in a just and eco- and he who would help to elevate ticing my presence, would begin to band's every word. When between lar, but when it comes to following fore during the same space of time, get him! To-night dot same growd nomical administration of public af- his race can do no better than to beg my pardon. "Poor man," I have man and wife the veracity of one is a straight line, being just in all and every variety of enterprise is comes aroundt here, and somepody fairs, both State and local.—Balticultivate this rare gift. We also are in sorry need of it in our homes .-There is great and lasting good to be accomplished by the parents in moulding the characters of their chil-We give below some extracts from dren and developing their young recent sermon of his at Nashville. minds, to say nothing of the impor-Such preaching is what gives him tant work of perfecting their converhis wonderful hold on the confisational powers, by simply conversdence of the people. The dishonest, ing well in the family circle. Chilsniffling humbug that groans and dren are good listeners and admirshouts in meeting, but dodges round able imitators; they will hear what the corner to keep out of the way of you say and note how you say it. If his creditor, will please stand aside. you allow your table and fireside talks to be groveling in their nature,

remedy known at the present time.