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| THE FABHION-PLATE IN CHURCR. <br> I feel a solemn sanctity, <br> Sweet rest of soul is mine, <br> My heart abides in pious peace, Grace, like a river, fills my soulIn chastened joy 1 -sit, <br> I feel religion's deepest power, <br> My sacque's a perfect fit. | BURDPTIE ON LIFE. <br> The Genial Humorist, Waxing Eloquent, Preaches. <br> To-day! We stand on the threshold! We stand there! Waiting! To be asked in. Life! Is a river ! We meet it boldily. Hope, courage | you mistake. It isn't hard to be good. It's hard to be bad. Ab, yes, my boy, it's hard to be bad. Not right at the time? Oh, no. The wine is sparkling, the songs are stirhumor, and the air is full of laught. er. You are juśst as bad as you |  | read and water, and be made tolaor hard until his sentence expires; aybe then he would not relish the dea of jails, rations and an easy me any more. | "Another Clerk" Heard From. <br> Correspondence of The Rocket. <br> Mr. Ediror:-I ain delighted with |  |
| A holy fervor penetrates - <br> My soul's remotest nooks, <br> - An earnest, chastened, fervid joy- How sweet that ribbon Tooks! <br> The good man tells of Christian peace, The organ's'anthem swells, <br> I bathe in streams of pure delight, My dress cost more than Nell's! |  |  | $\mathrm{e} \text { is } \mathrm{ca}$ |  |  | ld rather see him deader the tuition of sueb |
|  | We cannot tear aside the veil that to |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | bides the future from our view. The future! Is before us, The past! Is behind us. The present, however, | easy and very delightful to be badat night Mut the next morning,anay boy? Where is the difificulty |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | we want is a good set of commissioners and then a marshal and on |  |  | of opi |
| 0 , holy rest! $O$, Sabbath calm! <br> 0 , chastened peace serene! <br> I feel thy deep abiding spell- How dowdy is Miss Green! <br> I feel a pure, religious glow, 0 , rapture undefined <br> know my bonnet looks so nice To those who sit behind! <br> -Yankee Blade | behind us. . The present, however, stays right by us. We do not fear it. We press bravely on. Onward | then? Who feels serious in the mornig? mhose beican cant be cov- |  |  | public lectures ; placarded the city appealing to the ladies, particularly, | It is |
|  | and upward! The hour strikes the noontide of the world. With resolute hands we grasp the shadows on as | morning? Those head can't be cov- |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | ashamed to go out on the street and meet people? Who doen't want to th |  |  |  |  |
|  | the dial. Behind us, is the school. A long ways behind us, the most of it. Before lies the world. We ac- W | see anybody? Who wants to hide? Who wonders where he was last night and whom he met, and who |  |  |  |  |
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| An Important Disowery. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | ties of the trust ; especially the trust fund. We accept them. Life-long w | where he went, and how he did? Not the boy who went to the socia- | hard, make him, sweat, blister his ${ }^{\text {a }}$ /w bands by urrk, make bim bend to an | Wmich Tould mention. Fourb Thar. |  |  |
| pil | put our hands to the plow and we | Not the boy who went to the socia-- 年e and ate castiron pound-cake and washed it down with faded lemon. | it and when night comes and his fine is paid he will recollect the street gang with its hard labor, and |  | more enjoyed and churches are bet |  |
|  | will never look back, until we get to was |  |  | hotel. If some one, or company, would build a fine hotel here and | he store at 11 o'lock the night pre. cious aftes sixteen hours of work, by | From the Monroe Engurier-Expreses. |
|  | Canady, whence we may look back ${ }^{\text {Cod }}$ in ad | ade. Not the young man who pass-1 ${ }^{\text {dem }}$ | he will be scared of it thereafter.The streets have no terrors, there isrummat |  |  | as been stid recen |
|  | naments in Canadian society. Asthe years roll on, which they will cie | the good-goody the the deating so. |  | run it on the most improved of modern plans it would pay the | along the creek and listening to the n | (egarn goo men ior for oficial posi- |
|  |  |  | not enough of hard work about them. The Democrats will put an ow |  |  | tions. This is a good indication; it $_{4}$shows that the sentiment is gaining |
|  | probably do, we will never forget our alma mater, but we will shake | boy, and he didn't hear the racy stories that "broke you all up." But | men for commissioners and one for in |  | The birds; explaining to the litile sho |  |
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|  |  | he is feeling much better than you |  | town and county. Cone! we in-vite you all to the marriag feast. | ally taking a lounge and readinga while? And after dinner taking a |  |
|  | to be done, inquire within. tempore the world is in bad form. |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | the bek sets in the convention to |  | Stick together, Democrals, and we |  | the dogwood and the jessamine? Can |  |
|  | - take back seats in the convention. ${ }_{\text {Lupus }}^{\text {cits in the high places and to }}$ |  | Our municipal campaign will soon "topen. I wrant every man-whit |  |  | conventions in the past, but in ma |
|  | Agnus ekes lout a precarious exist- |  |  |  | (tion on Sunday, after 91. hours cay |  |
|  |  |  |  | tourists and capitalists to see ourthriving city and iuvest in her great | taught and instructed in the works of creation. How can it be done ex- | mee for th |
|  | . wallow in vice. The temples of |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  | advartages. We bave some of thebest men to deal with in this coun- | work from early Monday morriug | He for their wishes to b |
|  | Mistrust, guilt and suspicions stalk through the land, nudas membra. a | a gnawing hunger that loathes food, | et", the Radicals will put out. It ${ }^{\text {en }}$ will be Republican licket of the |  | not the Creators intention that man | garded with impunity. The mas have it in their power to say |
|  |  | to have a dread of meeting your. | will be a Republican ticket of themost prejudiced kind, Vote forgood men; men that will do their | try you ever saw. 'The majority of our people are intelligent and smart. |  |  |
|  |  |  |  | Let's have new enterprises, stores, newspapers, merchants, factories and | from work to bed, and attend cburch on Sunday-no, sir. Let us have | honor, and this power slould be ex-:ercised by all good citizens to secura) |
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|  | "Dilige |  |  | more religion. Our town is going to the front rapidly. We are going to beat Wilmington, Charlotte, New | fewer hours in the store and more work, and employer and employee | the nomination and election of good. men. It is the duty of every citizen |
|  | promised. There are people, | Telemachus, look ne in the eye-honestly now, honor bright, do you |  |  | will recive a mutual benefit, church- |  |
|  |  |  |  | Berne, Guldsboro and all those cities -if we can. We don't want any |  |  |
|  | dearly beloved, who are diligent in | really think this is easier than being "good?" My dear boy, you may | \| that comes to town and feeling their pulse and trying to tell how old they $^{\text {a }}$ | them. Ourdenominations are Presbyterian, Methodist, Baptist and | and we willall merchants will cogitate together and grant us this boon, I am, <br> Respectfully, <br> Another Clebk. <br> Rockingham, April 12. | choice, and that choice should be heard and respected in the neminat- |
|  | own. They do not stand before |  |  |  |  | ing convention. He should seethat |
|  |  | and a "mammy boy" if you will, | left you could see certain ones eyeing almost every species of quadruped closely, as much as to say "I're | Episcopalian. We have one bakery which is doing a fair business. We have two or three doctors. Our |  | his influence is exerted in behalf of |
| (te worn, and which |  |  |  |  |  | ment. He should do all he possibly can to keep corrupt and dishonest men out of power. He should have |
|  |  |  | got your eye, I'll bet I can tell when you were born, and at what time of |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  | mer nor too cold in winter. | Edicating to Dishonesty. | the nerve to rebuke corrupt menand bad measures by casting his |
|  |  | tell me honestly (and I am not now the "funny man," but rather the se- | nish any civilized or barthirous | wood, cedur, cypreses, walnut nnd |  |  |
| enting when your lungs are |  |  | country with as miny graduated p |  |  | ballot in favor of men of character |
| , at first, only a cold- |  | rious adviser), which is the harder; to be "good" or to be "bad?" Ah; | horse doctors as is needed. We've got 'em, all sizes, qul they can tell | want, and easy of access. Why not have a planing mill and furniture | worthy a careful consideration than | and adrocating measures that are intended to bencfit the masses rath- |
| (ent any dealer to impose | great deal more in that time; and if , |  |  | factory here? It's the very place. |  |  |
| g's Netr | you do not get so much money for ${ }^{\text {y }}$, | me that it is easier to be "good." the river and the brook. | mule, I suppose, but I would not |  |  |  |
| make |  |  | swear it. <br> We have a musical genius in our |  |  |  |
| make <br> he has | suspender counter, you cannot clean un 830,000 on Wall street this week. |  |  |  |  |  |
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|  |  |  | heard from "early morn till dewy |  |  |  |
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|  |  |  | crime with the express purpose of going to jail, eating the county's ra- |  |  |  |
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