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But all are not so lacky. Men often throw him off for a while, and then take pity and let him ride a while.-They often carry him over difficult places. They keep him for emergencics, and think that they have done well in getting rid of him for even half their time.

But, ah! how much easier it is to four or five at most; generally the best has not tried it can echeeive how sermons have only two or three divis- much pleasanter life is with the 'old ions. There are two kinds of divisions man' off than on ! Few men can walk which may be made in preaching. The a straight line with him on their should first and most common is the division ders. To be rid of him is to save a of the text into its parts; the other is world of anxious thought and calculaof the sermon itself, which is made of tion. The Spaniards say-and if there not know, it is hardly worth knowing not only to David, but also to Christ; ory.' But when once a man has such should be considered first, lite- learned to speak the truth, every man rally as they relate to David, and then with his neighbor,' he need not be Review was begun by Sydney Smith, in the mystical sense as they refer to auxious. Truth always takes care of and Lords Jeffery and Brougham, the Christ. There are also typical pas- itself. A lie peeds two watches, one sages, which, besides their literal for day and one for night, and then a sense, have fight tive meanings, rela- hundred to one it will be detected.

PUTTING ON MOURNING.

The Christian Union says: When or O, Lord, rightcousness belongeth to Thee, but unto us confusion of face as whence did it arise, that when one at this day. This text must not be di- dies and goes to heaven all the family vided into parts, but considered in shall shrond themselves in deepest different views. First, with regard to black? And the women especial viecomprehensive and sagacious criticism. all men in general, then with regard tims? Somewhere the custom must Dr. Johnson, unquestionable great in to the Jewish church in David's time, have arisen since the days of our auand finally with regard to ourselves at cestors-the Saxons or Piets and who ever attempted to interpret the the present day. So with Hebrews Scots, whose only clothing was painted myriad-minded master of creative 3, 7: To day if you will hear his voice, on! Is it going further, or will there power. Many of his criticisms are &c. This cannot be better divided be some resistance and a return to the paper I proposed editing in my own scarcely above contempt, so false and than by refering it first to David's right way? Some women spend half town, but having abandoned ex neces- jejune and prejudiced are they. Haz- time, then to St. Paul's time, and fi- their lives under crape, a sort of selfsitate the cherished project, I take lett, on the other hand, aside from his nally to our own time. As to the di- imposed penance, hot, heavy, unlimpid and eloquent style, was a wri- vision of the text itself, sometimes the wholesome. Men may wear a badg ter of great acuteness, penetration order of the words is clear and natu- of mourning for a time, and then reand ingenuity, and he has left for the ral, that no division is necessary; then same light clothes and yellow gloves world's admiration the best examples we may simply follow the order of the if they will. A man may do this while a genius of the highest order. It is of Shak perian criticism to be found words. For example, Let your light his wife continues to mourn for his among English authors. The failure so shine before men, that they may friends, and decorously swelter under of many of Milton's contemporaries to see your good works and glorify your her crape. A few dare to brave Mrs. properly appreciate his magnificent | Father who is in Heaven .- Matt. 5, 16. Grundy and follow out their convict These words naturally form themselves tions by refusing to yield to this abevidence that contemporaries are not into these propositions: First, the du- surd demand of custom. always, at least, the best judges of ty of all men to set a good example We think it is growing worse and before others-Let your light so shine, worse. A family will wear crape three &c. Second, The present effects of years, and black dresses three years good example, See your good works, more, for a mother who weni straight is possible for a false taste to overlook | finally the results of good example- to heaven, and who would say to them 'Mourn not for me.' And so strong is the force of example that some one else must do the same, or it shows a Selections. want of feeling. Now it is no small thing to take away so much that is THE "LYING OLD MAN." bright and cheerful in one's apr Beccher preaching on the text, 'Lie roundings for so many years of life, and submit to a dress, bot, heavy and not one to another; seeing ye have inconvenient. There is but one life put off the old man with his deeds'to live. Why spoil this? savs: The whole is foolish, wasteful and Old men are the agliest and the wicked expenses, and is often a burhandsemest of mortals. If screne, den that can ill be borne by the o pure, and noble of heart, their beauty is far superior to the mere sparkte of who can by no means afford it, and eye and color of check that make youth yet dare not ignore a custom It is attractive. If they are mean and sel- for those who have money and common sense to set the example and op fish, the old man's face is a corrugation of snakes The passions have pose so senscless a fashion. Precisely what can be done by concerted action hardened into permanent expression. But of all ugly men, there is not we do not see. The country is overone other half so ugly as that one of run now with committees, societies, organizations, clubs and associations. whom Pauls peaks: We cannot afford any more, if there 'Lie not one to another; seeing ye be any other way. It is one of those have put off the o'd man, with his deeds.' This old man was the devil cases in which individually a great of lying. The swarm of lying devils many are right, and collectively they must have been immense, since there all go wrong. It is no time to get up is enough to furnish almost every man extra moral courage under the shock with one. And such riders as they of deep affliction. But one gets so weary of the mockery and semblane a of wee, crape, flowers and gay mourn-They ask no saddle, no rein, no scat. ing! Can't men help women out of They can bestride the back, or sit on this bondage by suggesting some the shoulder, or mount the head, and they can ride on the eyelash, or the badge of mourning which shall say, like the band of a man's hat. 'I have smooth lip, without slipping or sliding. lost a friend?' As it is, in many cases They nestle in the hair, swing in the the dress is a greater trial than the curls, peep out of ribbon bows, hang loss. It is a mere custom; for some by the girdle, sit astride of the comb; nations wear yellow, and scarlet or blue, which means just as much, and in short, no circus rider ever was no is more sensible and less burdennimble, so expert, so various as are some.

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> Original Poetry. MEMORY'S HALL.

BY E. L. PERKINS

lite is a great painter with peneil in bund, He paints every event with colors that stand, and as on each canvass the last tintings fall. He instantly hangs it in memory's hall,

A nativer we think or feel, act or pursue He immediately makes it a picture most true and once the mene passes we cannot recall, For the pointer has hing it in memory's hall.

Commot competionse for much we may try. His notice to avoid, his presence to fly; very good or hed act, he painfeth them all, And hangeth the pictures in memory's ball.

transition thinking a percil so true, Penergysin fast colors the thought I pursue, and offen I wish that I could but recall, one pletarez new langing in memory's hall.

is a shall the compelled ever to see, to spirit land all life has painted for me ! too emergely Pil wish to take from the wall, some tectures unwelcome in memory's hall !

ben let me so labor life's penell to guide, That he will point nothing 1'd wish to hide : pleasantry shale all the colors that fail in plotness that ornament memory's hall,

And when in the spirit-land 1 shall arrive. With every endotion to honor alive, May I there rejoice to behold on the wall, Sweet pictures of life hung in memory's hall.

Communicated. For the Christian Advocate, BLACK JACK STATION, N. C. CONFERENCE. Compiled from Authentic Documents. BY A PREACHER. the wishes of his church-or rather brethren found in him a better target CHAPTER I. its demands-before the Bishop and for practice than some others, it was 1 11 say of at, it futors nature ; artificial strate Lives in these touches, livelier than life." his council. Do-Little had had no because he had hitherto had the best ut- as they appear at the present time-The Methodist Church-Some of its mem boy- introduced - Conference wire-pulling, to the station, and he now found himand by whom it was done-Rev. Mr. Addi- self on a difficult sca. just Letween a appointed to Black-Jack-A play of Seyla and Charaby-lis, either of which, or at his expense and brother Do-Little's chagrin Adjournment of Conference-Mr. Addi-on's return home and arrival at his new field of labor-How he was received larity, and the last to his pocket. Mr. and what he found in the way of a home - A. was the only one of the Conference Some body must give God account for the whose appointment, in the present treatment of His Ministers. BLUE JACK STATION, a portion of tion, and the Bishop would not make whose history we are about to record, the appointment of so esteemed a was not considered, except by its own minister to a place proverbial for its members, the most important church covetousuess, anless there were some in the bounds of the N C. Conference. assurances that a competent support It had notoriety, but it was of an un- would be given him in return for the enviable character; for there were few spiritual services rendered them. of the ministers who, if they had been A man with a wife and four children consulted, would have consented to was, in imagination at least, a frightbe appointed to it. The author of this ful burden to a church accuston.ed to record feels that he is doing a work for a single man, and the representative which the Station will not thank him, knew his own contribution for minisbut as the compilation is made from terial support would have to be in autiontic documents, its truths cannot creased. He was sorry now that Mr. be gainsaved, and he presents them to A.'s name had ever been mentioned the public as such, hoping to do good in connection with the pastorate of even to Black Jack by their presenta- Black Jack, but the tide was flowing The town of Black Jack owed much carried along powerless en the flood to the genius of Rip Van Winkle for he had aided so largely in creating its shopy appearance, irregular streets, and, of course, gave the necessary asancient architecture, and general di- surances for ministerial support, oblapidated appearance. Progress was taining the desired appointment for to it a thing unknown, and the hand his church. would have been considered sacrali- Many a joke was made, and a good gious, that would have attempted to deal of wit cut, by the preachers, over give a modern lock to any of its an- Mr. Addison's appointment - jokes cient relics. The population partook and wit which the newly appointed largely of the caste of the town itself, minister did not relish, and were, in the descenation, they would have assigned him. When the Conference moved away and formed a new settle- adjourned several of his ministerial ment, sooner than have allowed their friends, some of them secretly rejoicquiet to be dicturbed by the whistle ing it might be, that "the starch was of a locomotive, or the banks of their to be taken out of him," appreached sacred river to be in any wise altered, with a dolerous look and sympathising by making locks, so that the stream tone to bid him farewell. Their somight become navigable. In fact, lemnity was so well affected that the some of the more influential citizens scene wore the aspect of a funeral, took a higher ground against these and attracted a considerable crowd things than the moving of their an- around them. The excitement grew cient and time honored customs and in intensity for some time, for many corporation. They said, if God had did not know what had drawn them esigned the river should be naviga- to that particular place. There was no ble, he would have made it so, but he visible cause, save that a crowd were did not, and had pronounced all his collecting there, and they had by imworks 'good,' and it would be nothing pulse followed to see what was to be short of impiety to alter, in any man- done, or being done. The gathering ner, that of which the Creator had crowd had, however, taken their part expressed his unqualified approbation. in the drama which was being enact-He had given man dominion over the ed, for their coming together, and beasts of the field, and the horse, the blocking the isle of the church, had male, and the ox were made subject prevented Mr. Addison's escape and to man, for drawing burdens and held him a prisoner among his tortransporting men from place to place. mentors.

ning through it, and an industrious ish you with bread and pay return the stewards, and the Quarterly the unstable loops of metaphysical hy- That of its perfect welcome stints your blow ! population, whese busy movements freight to Conference on what the Meeting seven weeks off. No one of- pothesis, we will turn to the logic to Though,-for her tears, her life, and not any added to the humming of the machinery in its factories, the rumbling of heavily loaded wagons on the rock paved streets, and the inevitable scream, ever and anon, of a locome tive as it came rushing in, or going out, with its long train of cars filled with merchandise or human freight.

gave one the idea of a bee-hive on an extended scale, and was in striking so soon.' contrast with the sleepy quietude of Black-Jack.

Samuel Do Little, a steward and influential man in the latter place, had been elected a lay representative to the Confer nce at G --, from the Distriet to which his church belonged; and as they had to change their pascrimson, told his mortification, the tor, it was considered all important for brother D. to attend He was frefurther anticipate the records by now quently approached by individuals, and more than once by the official body, as to what man they wanted, and if they could not get him, what qualifications the one must have who might be sent to them the next year. upon him.

Conference, as well as Congress, has Conference adjourned, as usual, with its lobby members, and brother Dofeeling of solemnity generally per-Little was to spare no pains, but all ading it. Many changes had been expense, to obtain the right man .-male, in consequence of which many Every thing, said they, depended on it, and the Bishop might just as well and comfortable homes, for fields of leave them without an appointment as labor where every face would be a to send a man who would not be popustrange one, and (unpleasant thought) with probably no place provided for lar, for they could not support him. their families when they should reach Thus instructed, and half regretting his election to representative dignity, their work. Mr. Addison's case was brother D. reached Conference, and not a solitary one by any means, and embraced the first opportunity to lay if the wit of the livelier ones of his

musquitoes may leave of you by that fered to supply their needs without be drawn from the writings of the Old time; and even if by any, not to be the unney. The merchants all did a and New Testament scriptures. looked for event, you should turn up cash business, and over the counters at that time, you will have become so of the storest might be seen cards, fore us. We will simply enfer the My ghost will feelier seen to seek the shades antiquated your most intinate friends looking as if they had been recently now will not recognize you then, and suspended, with this inscription on you will have to form new friendships. them, 'Don't ask me to trust !' Do-Lit-Alas, my brother ! Alas, my brother !! the's store bristled with the cards as

Farewell! I am sorry you are buried thick as a company of soldiers' muskets with bayonets when about to Makefun spoke so ra; idly that his make a charge, and what was the minfriend Addison could not say a word, is er to do? The town seemed to but stood overcome with amazement, have a dread of him, and the church and allowed M. to hold his hand till was paralized by the burden (?) they he had finished saying all that he de- had to bear. Supposing the cage of a and how did it affect him? sired. Do-Little was standing near, pulpit would hold the lion, the popuand the changes on his face, now the lace ventured out to hear him on terity? color of whiting, and then as 'ed as Sunday. They were loud in their commendations of the sermon -adjecjustice or injustice of which, I shall not | tives were wanting for this purpose, but when the congregation were disstopping to tell. Suffice it to say that missed only two remained to greet the these jokes, while they angered Do- new preacher.' Do Little honestly Little some, and mortified him more, thought well of the Preacher, and was when he thought of the draft to be made on his pocket, he became per-

feetly enthusiastic, hoping to make all others think well of him, and as far as ministers were to leave kind friends pocket-some men can bear more presnel et-books ! A sterwards meeting had been called

to meet at the Parsonage on Monday night.

(To be Continued) *** For the Christian Advocate. **DO CHILDREN BELIEVE!**

NO. I.

And here a wide field opens out beenclosure and plack a few flowers from among the many. Man was created holy. This was what we have elsewhere called his

normal or positive state. He sinned and was changed into the abnormal or negative state. These questions now come up for

discussion: 1. In what did Adam's sin consist, 2. How did his sin affect his pos-

3. What affect did the atonement of Christ have upon the unborn pos-

terity of Adam? These are questions, Mr. Editor, which, by your permission, we shall examine as best we may, in the light of logic and revelation. We believe were not without a wholesome effect disposed to praise him any way; but children are true believers, and we shall essay the proof. Too long have we been charged with the 'damnable heresy' of infant baptism; and though we profess to be one among the feepossible relieve the pressure on his blest of all writers, yet having no reputation as a writer at stake, and ire on their consciences than on their feeling som what the importance of the subject, we enter upon it with the

/ less trepidation. ROBERT.

For the Christian Advocate. MESSES. EDITORS: The following Literary Notes' were prepared for a leave to place them at your disposal. Theodore Hook was a very remarkable genius. In some respects, he was quite true he accomplished but littleso little, that a judicious British critic speaks of him, as 'that marvellously wasted intellect,'-and yet, he gave goaius, famishes us with a marked evidence of splendid and versatile powers, which, if properly directed, what is true and noble in art or subwould have made for him a very high lime and beautiful in thought in the name among English worthies, and which would have left the world litproductions of their time, and that it erary largeses from which it would not have willingly parted. In the and ignore the merits of the noblest Glorify your Father, &c. April number of the British Quarterly creations of the human intellect. Review, there is a pleasant reference Robert Prowning seems to puzzle to Hook which is worthy of reproduc- and divide the leading critics of the little, and probably when the rubbish tion. The writer says that this great age. By some he is held as a very of long-neglected investigation has power lay in impromptu, if prose or great master of song; by others he is been removed, we may see clearly the verse, spoken or written. No man placed among the third or fourth rate has ever equaled him at a paragraph poets of the world. His 'Ring and or a squib, except as to the latter, the Back,' published about two and a mal state of human souls. Unbelief Garrick and Coleridge. Nobody was half years ago, is praised by some of or Infidelity is an abnormal state of ever so exquisite a conversational wit. the foremost periodicals as one of the human couls. The former of these Aad certainly no one has ever possess- grandest productions of modern times. dates next naturally result from the ed his power of improvisation in Eng- whilst other eminent orities have eternally perfect nature of the Creator lish. He threw off stanz and strophe 'damned it' with exceedingly 'faint of human souls. God is a being of all as fast as a knife-guinder's wheel praise.' Not having read the book, faith: consequently he could not cre throws sparks. He scintillated al- we cannot venture an opinion, howate an unbelieving soul or intelligent | ways. Coloridge, after an evening in | ever modestly given but only refer to being. A state of faith in God is the his company, declared he was as great this contradictory criticism, to note correct natural element, so to speak of a genius as Dante. His felicity was the fact, that it is difficult for conmen or angels for happiness. A state invariable. When he was improvising temporaries to so judge writers that of inbelief is an unnatural element of at the piano, after luncheon, at his their true place in letters can be satismen or angels, superinduced by some Fullam villa, enter the ancilla, to say factorily ascertained, and to remark being or instrumentality antagonistic Mr. Winter, the tax collector, has that however vast the progress of the called. Ejaculates Hook: laws of criticism over those of the last " Here comes Mr. Winfer, collector of taxes: century, they are as yet in a very im-I advise you to give him whatever he axes! perfect state, or are but very poorly He isn't the man to stand nonsense or flammery comprehended. In Blackwood for For though his name's Winter, his actions are May, in an acticle on 'Prolixity,' ocsummary !" curs some slashing criticism upon 'The Ring and the Book,' a brief pas- | are! All school boys who studied Latin sage or two from which are here when the writer was at the 'Academy,

COMPOSITION OF A SERMON. Should just lier ask their shedding. Please ye, BY REV. J. W. ABERNETHY. Less closely on me, -'tis not much to ask, NO. IIII. And uncontaminate by the touch of man. As maid should die, dismiss me ? Better so Or Division - Division in general

The Power, whoe'er he be, ye think to please, ought to be restrained to a small num-Will thank ye for my blood ! If yet one word, ber of parts. They should never exceed The last these lips may speak, can touch your hearts.

REV. H. T. HUDSON, ASSOCIATE EDITOR.

'Tis Priam's child, the daughter of a king, No nameless slave, beseeches ye to grant Her corpse unransomed to her mother's arms: Let tears, not gold, redeem it ! Gold enough She paid ye for such bargains while she could ! She said :- Nor in the throng was cheek unwet With weeping are her own-the very Priest,

death.

press

III. A great advance has been made the critical ar. during the progress of this century. Since the Edinburgh come vasily more skillful, and sounder, and juster canons of criticism have prevailed. Any intelligent person, with any thing like cultivated taste, who will read Dr. Samuel Johnson's critical remarks upon Shakspeare's

many particulars, was the worst critic

various plays, and then read Hazlett's observation, will see at a glance the

immense improvement in judicio's,

particular. For example, Daniel 9, 7:

ting not only to Christ, but to the church in general, and to believers in

vided thus, and a great number of passages in the Psalms which relate, ______that 'a hiar should have a good men-

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Whose knife was buried in her proffered breast, the text. Typical text should be di- is anythis g about lying that they do

vent title of Old Fogies, or any The minister and his family men not only get used to this load, the French revolution were fit to make 'Do you expect to hmish your course out a logical antecedent, and conse- dering of one of Ovid's grandest to the 'Ring and the Book. their home, if I may be allowed to thing el e, but leave the reader, as he before the next Conference?' asked Longfellow says of critics, that they but come to like it. They do not feel a 'holiday in hell.' quently incapable of proof." descriptions met our eye, which we descerate the name far enough to peruses their history, to form his own Mr. Addison, in the simplicity of his John Wesley said: 'I dare no more are 'sentinels in the grand army of feel easy without their old man. They The fact is, no man can disbelieve are tempted to lay before the reader. opinion and designate them by what heart, and rea'ly feeling concerned for name he will; for it is the province of his fellow laborer's wellfare. designate it thus, neither of them exletters to challenge every new author,' conceive a high opinion of his skill fret than curse and swear.' It is in Ovid's noblest vein, and the in the eternity of existence of God. pressing to the other the mortifica and wisdom, and they trust him to se | . A gentleman said to the great Gre-Men may school themselves into the translation is regarded as very happy or it may be added, every new book. tion they felt. Indeed they had each the historian simply to record facts, 'No, I do not expect to enter glory cure success and to extricate them cian' with whom he had been dispuabnormal, negative state of simply and just to the original. Polyacna is Washington Irving calls them 'freeand it may chance that some of my so soon as that,' replied his friend, resolved, before reaching the place, to from difficulties; and that too, though ting; 'Dr. Porson, my opinion of you wishing there was no God to punish about to be sacrificed at the tomb of booters in the republic of letters.'readers may belong to the same school still holding the handkerchief to his put the best face, possible, on every The Blackwood critic seems to answer | every day he is the cause of disgrace is most contomptible. their sins, until they substitute this Achilles: of thought with the old time folks of eyes. thing, and patiently submit to all in-'Sir,' returned the Doctor, 'I never to both descriptions, and unless the to them, and loss and annoyance. wish for an unbelief in His existence, "Bosom and threat she bared-ye cannot conveniences that were really neces-Black-Jack Station, and we have no 'What is the matter then? Are you knew an opinion of yours that was not future should confirm his dictum, he But now and then one succeeds in sary, secretly hoping to improve their and falsely suppose themselves to be tesire to prejudice them against us in going to locate ?' deem Po'yzena would deign to ive a slave! putting off the old man, and it is to contemptible." will be set down with that class who condition as time advanced, and by infidels. the beginning of our narrative. 'Oh,' said he, apparently unable to Rather come death ! Though with such sacritry to despoil genius of its well earned be hoped that it is done so as to break It is a great joy of the gospel-in-But lest you should conclude that The session of the Annual Confer- control his emotions of sorrow, 'you God's blessing make this hard place a fice. his neck. This 'old man' deserves no deed, it is that which makes it good fame. we are hanging all our reasonings in soft one for their successor. ence for 187-, was to be held in the are going to Black-Jack, and I think Ye win no grace of any God in Heaven ! favors. It is the one man that should __that it is for any and every poor sin-T. B. K. They found, probably, a week's pro- favor of the eligibility of children to Vet happier could I die, so of my fattown of G -, a pleasant and thriving it altogether unlikely that they will ner who will believe. place with two or more railroads run- raise enough during the year, to furn- vision in the pantry, placed there by the rite of Christian Baptism, upon My mother knew not:-'tis that only thought receive no mercy. Oxford, N. C., July, 1871.

appointments in the Conference, and little to do in creating the unanimous known to be of such an even temper desire for Mr. Addison's appointment it would be hard to ruffle it.

The elevation of Mr. Addison to his calling was as great as his abilities, and he could with fruth reply to bis if he ran against it, would, he thought, friends, 'None of these things move be fatal to him-the first to his popume,' and it was well for him his piety was of so exalted a type, clee his faith might have failed, and a period been put to a ministry signally efficient in state of things, could satisfy the sta-

the past, and destined to be more so in the future. He returned from Conference to gather together his effects, and set out immediately for his new scene of action. Sad indeed was the heart of his wife, and scalding tears, which she strove to but could not re

press, filled and blinded her eyes as she turned to look from a hill top, on which the carriage for a moment rested, back, it might be, for the last time on the groop of friends she was leaving, and who still stood in the Parson age door waving to her a last farewell. She had spent three Lappy years with them, and was now going from friends to strangers strangers whose inconsiderateries toward their ministers, and he could not stem it. He was had well nigh made them a reproach and a by-word among the other churches of the Conference. Did ever heart pass such an ordeal without bleeding? Could anything but grace enable a refined woman to make such a

sacrifice without complaint ? We think not; and many a covetous church will be faced by a record similar to the one I am now making before the bar of Jesus Christ! God counts his servant's and if they could not have prevented no sense, complimentary to the work | tears and treasures all their sighs, wrung from their eyes and hearts by those who 'withhold more than is meet' from the Master's cause. Such characters would do themselves a service would they but ask, what value they are believers. the world will have when compared with one tear wrung from a pure heart wronged and wounded in its acquisition. Four days travel by private conveyance brought them to Black-Jack, and their reception was what they expected-as cheerless as the place's name. The church thought they were doing all that could be asked of them, when the stewards to have left the most important conrented a house with three rooms for a Parsonage, and had furnished it with two beds, four pillars, and bed-clothing enough for one change, together with a half dozen split-bottom chairs, a secretary, and culinary articles enough to make out on. The beds had been in use for two generations, and become very light; but what of that, they would, on that very account, be

without form and void; of his start- glish; while the tone of what he gath-'Bat,' says the opposer of the eligieasier to make up ! and the secretary Railroads were 'inventions sought 'Farewell, Addison,' said Mr. Makeold man, and sling him off. This people not only in the mantle of charbility of children to the rite of Chris ling account of man's creation, so ers is mostly selish and cynical.' out by men,' and their evils so far fon. 'The Lord be with you; I never looked as if it might have been Noah's usually happens after some misadven- ity, but in the mantle of happiness as tian Baptism, how can children be- like the Bible record, and of the Now this is damaging to the repu companion in the ark, but 'if the outweighed their advantages, (if they expect to see you again, my brother !' lieve? Can you explain that to me?' Deluge. But we have not time to tation of Browning as a poet, if what ture into which the malicious rider well; the living to make people about bad any,) that men of piety and inreacher would be particular with it Makefun carried his handketchief to We reply by asking another ques- quote in this place. The other day, Blackwood avers be true. Per contra, has urged his dupe. But he has been you better, as well as happier-that as who would not with so venerable fluence ought to cast the whole weight his eyes as he spoke, and wiped them, a relic) it would do him good service tion: 'Can you explain how God has we were enjoying some delightful pas- the Athense un and other leaders of flung off too often to be troubled by it. Wins persons. A man would almost of their influence against them. as if he were weeping with inconsolaexisted forever? And yet that ques- sages in King's Translation, when the opinion, declare that since Milton's / In a few moments he is quietly up, as long as he stayed.' We will not designate them by the ble grief. tion is a self-evident proposition, with subjoined, vigorous and graceful ren- day, the world has had no poem equal and in his saddle again. At length Coloridge said that the atrocities of

The entire question of the eligibility

of children to membership, and consequently to the rite of Christian Baptism, rests upon the truth or falsity of this simple proposition. If children are believers, no class of religionist will attempt to exclude them from the Church of Christ. If they are not believers, then certain sects will exclude

Now, we assume that they are believrs, and that the proposition belongs to that class of truths called 'First Principles,' or exiomatic truths, which need no proof, which really admit of 1010100

them.

But les, we should be thought to be a litile presumptive, let us explain a true basis of this subject.

Believing or Faith is the true norto the nature of God. The Bible announces this normal state of the soul s necessary to salvation. All classes religionists admit the salvation of fants, no matter how absurd and unintelligible their modes of explanation as to how they are saved. It must, therefore, necessarily follow that

Again, faith is a positive idea-a comething real, not imaginary. Unbelief is a negative thought-not a something, but the absence of a necded something necessary to man's happiness. God could not create the soul in this negative state; for to have done so, would have been the same as stituent element of the human soul uncreated. The Bible, which is our guide by its inferences as well as its positive precepts, assumes the salvation of infants. But they cannot be in a salvable state, unless they are in this positive state; that is, in a state of faith. Therefore, we are again forced to the conclusion that 'children are believers.'

invariably read Ovid, and were highly 'While they,' his admirors, 'call him delighted at his astounding 'metamorthe most poetic of poets, we might phoses.' Now-a-days, modern refinestyle him, judging from page upon ment and delicacy have grown so page, the most pro-aie; prosaie in promorbid, that the charming mythologportion to the prodigions number ical stories of Ovid are deemed unfit of words he has taken to work out an for our schools 'in spite of the great idea.' beauty of the versification and the

'But while to the great bulk of the book we deny the title poetry, we grant its power.' · · To our cars his lines seem

Writ to the rumbling of Lis coach's wheels,' old man is annoying; but he soon and over very jolting roads too "

vening years since the dog eared vol-That crabbedness of construction. ume of Publius Ovidius Naso was our which keeps the reader on the heels of daily companion and task. Every boy thought, and compels a reperusal, not parasite, sucking his good out of men remembers his remarkable description once, but three or four times, before of the metamorphoses of Chaos into the sense is got hold of. Much of it, order-a description strikingly like too, is written in a composite language, the Mosaic account of 'the Earth one half the line Latin, the other En-

attractiveness of the stories in general

to the taste of boys.' Few of the

Latins wrote rich melodious verse,

and the musical ripple of his flowing

numbers still cehoes down the inter-

these lying devils. Each man seems by nature to own one. At first the

breaks in his subject, and soon rides "Scarcely for a righteous man will one day without being perceived. If he only yet peradventure for a good man some would vendare to die." rode for his own pleasure-a kind of

Rightcousness -- that is, right living, -his presence would be more tolera- integrity, stability-grand as this is, ble. But his only pleasure seems to it does not draw out sympathy for consist in the mischief and wickedness another. But goodness, overflowing kindness, care for others, thought of which he urges his victims to do. Now and then men get tired of this others, the spirit that wraps other

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