while I come on days gone by id the twill, by a pensive mour; harrowing tones fall on mine car, Injustly borne by magic power. le it femny t tell me true, are these bees delusted? I pursue

Soft the entence of the voice. and thy smile, so bright, so rare; Mobils heart those armed eyers, I mer how so calm and fate; Europet in thy Muster's cause, Lightly wearing earth's appliance

in the life with blessings crown'd, it is gualing fount thy joys abound; All his soul's it sizes be foundconservated to the work

Kept by love, and faith, and hope!

Communicated.

For the Advocate. WHY ARE TE SO FEARFUL!

The storm spirit had awakened th sleeping waters of Gennesareth into forming fury and madness. The waves were beating high into the rock ing vessel, exciting dismay in the breasts of the storm-tossed crew. In their extremity, the terrified disciples sought the interposition of the Master in their behalf. The power of man had failed, and He alone could rebake the minds and calm the troubled waters. How significant the question of the Master, 'How is it that ve have no faith?' Leaving the Scripture narrative, I shall now proceed to for the benefit of timid and fearful

We have in the Methodist Church cantions they seem to be afraid to avow their principles, lest it might excite the feelings of members of orier pursussions to le it be known that they believe in the doctrines and usages of the church of their choice. Such are mere drones in the hive of Methodism, and totally unreliable and unfit for warfare with the pre vailing errors and vices of the age .-While I am not disposed to regard Methodists as infallible in judgment, nor to sanction and encourage an il-Heral or dogmatic spirit, I am inchied to think Paul was right when he said to his Roman brethren, 'Let every man be fully persuaded in his own mind.' Church relationship implies the idea of forethought and exmanagion into the rules and doctimes of the church to which persons utach themselves. St. James stys, and his greatness, Thou art the man? A double minded man is unstable in Why should not the hearts of lords

Being in a little village in North Carolina on one occasion, as was my custom, on Sabbath morning I at tended divine service. The speaker was an Itinerant minister, and antounced as his text: 'For God so loved the world that he gave his only son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.' His arguments and deductions were lucid and forcible, and to the minds of many, conclusive and manawerable. He was enunciating, as every true minister of the gospel should do, what he believed to be the truths of the Bible. As the congregation was composed of many who did not fully endorse Paul's declaration, that Jesus was crowned with glary and honor, that he by the grace the inmates of a burning mansion of God should taste death for every sleep on in unawakened quietude, to man; some thought, perhaps, anothattext and subject might have been presented on that occasion, less calculated to awaken the prejudice and ex- of their virtues, though troubled by tite the feeling, of those entertaining the idea of a limited and partial atonement for sin. What an idea for ever hateful and appalling, in the a charchman to ent rtain! What great mirror of Gospel truth, And right has an ambassador for Christ to select his text and shape his discourses to suit the peculiar notions and sectahan prejudices of men? It is his duty When St. Paul was about to suffer to preach the Word-to preach the martyrdom for his adherence to the doctrine of a crucified, risen and ascended Saviour, though to the Jews a come when men would not endure stumbling block, and to the Greeks sound doctrine, but said he, 'preach foolishness. It is, nevertheless, 'the the Word.' To all who are too much power of God unto salvation to every inclined to pursue a yielding and tem-

rounded, like Paul while standing in the midst of Mar's hill, by the devotees of thirty thousand gods, fear-lessly process. men every where to repent?' Others may believe and teach that our kind and compassionate Father will rain word of the Lord have free course but as for me, I glory in the faith and hope exciting, and soul cheering reve- Oxford, N. C.

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For the Advocate.

Tom Foolery on a Stroll.

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lation, inscribed on the pages of Holy Writ, to arrest the attention and gladden the heart of man along life's pathway to andying felicity, that 'God is no respecter of persons, but in every nation he that feareth God, and

worketh righteousness, is accepted with him,' Others may base their hopes of salvation on the partial love and forbearance of God, but I believe Paul was performing a high and a sacred daty when he preached the doctrine of rep mance toward God, Many positionis , sure that votes belongs to year and faith toward our Lord Jesus

Christ.'

The Church of Christ in her warfare with the power of darkness needs a pure enlightened membership, standing up consistently and firmly to their principles; and has but little use for a politic ministry timidly crouding to the errors, and dallying with the evils and vices of the age. When these

weeping brethren accompanied St. Paul unto the ship when he was about to leave them, he told them he had not shunned to declare unto them 'all the counsel of God.' Such should be the purpose of every minister of the little girls, Henrietta and M. F. An-Gospel, to keep back nothing that might be profitable unto his bearers. Suppose his au lience should be com-

posed of persons of different pursuasions, and some should be a little inclined to find fault if, regardless of their peculiar notions and prejudices, he should proclaim in their ears the world wide truth, that 'God so loved the world, that he gave his only be gotten son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. 'Tell them it is the language of inspiration written in

toward his heavenly home, with his

and derisions of per-ecuting foes.

That it is a soul enrapturing truth

emanating from the lips of our benefi-

cent Creator, and shining out from

the eternal throne to purify, illumi-

nate, elevate the affections of man's

soul, and direct his eye of faith to the

Tell me not of a temporizing mem-

bership, nor of a ministry shrinking

from a fearless and faithful promu'ga-

tion of what they believe to be the

teachings of the Bible. Why should

a young David, with his arm nerved

for the conflict by the God of battles,

permit an uncircumcise I Philistine to

terrify and defy the armies of the liv-

ing God? And why should not even

he be told by God's faithful messen-

ger in his erring momen's, though

robed in the royal regalia of his glory

and of princes be brought to reflection,

and a vile and wicked Belshazzer be

made to tremble with fear, and his

knees to smite together, with the soul

awakening announcement. 'Thou art

weighed in the balances, and art

While it is our daty, as far as pos-

sible, to live peaceably with all men,

let me say to you my over cautious

and timid brother, the wholesome

teachings and restraints of Gospel

truth are not to be ignored, nor the

spirit of inquiry with regard to the

things which make for our peace be

hushed in the mind of man, for the

deceptive calm and quietus of moral

decay and death. Brotherly love and

kindness does not consist in letting

be engulfed and crushed beneath the

smoking ruins. The efficacy of

Bethesda's healing waters lost none

the angel of mercy. The ercors and

vices of man are to be looked at, how-

St. James says, 'who so looketh, and

continueth to look, he not being a for-

gotful hearer, but a doer of the work

wrote to Timothy that the time would

porizing course, I would say do not

be ashamed nor afraid to avow and

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this man shall be blessed in his deed.

found wanting?"

The speeches were interspersed occasionally with dialogues and instrumental music,-which gave life and ineffaceable characters on the pages of Holy Writ, for man's comfort, conanimation to the crowd. solation and hope, through all com-The following young ladies read ompositions, viz: Miss D. F. Ingram, g time. That it has strengthened

the faith, and cheered the heart of Ella Livingston, Ida M. Robinson, many a Christian pilgrim journeying | Delila Zachary, and S. F. Wood. At 12 o'clock, a recess was taken name cast out as evil, amid the scoff's for dinner, which was amply provided for the occasion, after which the crowd

soon reassembled to hear the remain-After vocal and instrumental music. speeches were made by M. H. Johnson, Randolph; Charlie B. Ingram, Edenboro; W. S. Ballard, Montgom-

ery; W. C. Ingram, Randolph; E. F. ever enduring glory and brightness of Barringer, W. T. Hearne, W. G. De- I paid old Tom and Jim each 6 bushberry, W. Gaines, A. D. Scarbro', Montgomery; and A. W. Capel, Rich. mond, with dialogues and music, as ing as much as ten pounds each, for

The Valedictory was delivered by son, and see how much is my income. Miss S. Fannie Wood, of Montgom- My farm was worth \$380. I overpaid ery, in a very graceful, feeling, and \$120 too much on my mill. The bahappy manner, causing many, young | con at 25 cents per pound would be and old, to shed tears.

The declamation by the young men was very excellent, and each one acquitted himself very handsomely, while a few evinced a high order of may count \$10 for my time and troutalent for oratory,-and all reflected | ble of waiting on the preacher's busihonor upon themselves and their ness. Then I paid \$60 tax this year, teacher, and showed very clearly that they had been well trained, and that the Principal had done his work at \$2,000. The interest upon that is

The subjects for declamation and leaves my income \$50. Well, I paid composition were tastefully selected, the preacher \$5, and the Elder \$1. and appropriate to the occasion, and every thing demonstrated that taste. culture and morality were consulted from beginning to end,-in short, every one present was highly gratified and pleased with the exercises of | minutes. The son speaks: 'But fath-

Affer the valedictory, the Rev. T. A. Boon, being called upon, delivered | which came this year.' 'O, no; 1 don't a very neat and appropriate address. The exercises were then closed with the announcement that there would be a social party at night at the

The Principal, R. H. Skeen, Esq., has proved himself to be an accomplished and energetic educator, and those having sons and daughters, (for | took away the \$94, and more which it is a mixed school) need not fear to he should paid.

entrust them to his care. Edenboro' Academy is in the southern part of Montgomery, in a healthy,

intelligent and moral community. It was established previous to the war, and has been under the management of Major W. J. Montgomery, J. W. Ewing, Esq., Maj. L. D. Andrews, and now under the present Principal, R. H. Skeen, Esq. Board can be had in the vicinity at from \$8 to \$10 per session. The next session opens the 1st Monday in July.

SPECTATOR.

Some men at Lousville were betting on the weight of a large mule, when one man, who was a good judge of the just as mad as I can be, to think that mule and was measuring his hindquarters, when something appeared to loosen up the mule.-Just before lessly proclaim the great and worldwide truth that 'God commandeth all light of truth cease to illumine the the expert died he gave it as his opinlight of truth cease to illumine the the expert died he gave it as his opinlight of truth cease to illumine the light of truth cease the light of truth cease the light of truth cease the light ion that if the mule was as heavy all over as he was behind, he must weigh not far from 47,000 pounds.

As an old lady got out of a crowded coach she exclaimed, 'Well, that's a relief, anyhow?' To which the driver replied, eyeing her ample proportions, 'So the 'osses think, mum.'

For the Advocate. TITHES.

suppose we ought to do it.' A long

sigh escapes the old man, and he con-

tinues: 'I think I pay more than the

tenth already. My mill brings me in

about 360 bushels wheat, and 180

bushels corn per year. This would be

worth about \$540 for the wheat, and

\$126 for the corn; making in all \$666

per year. But son, I pay the miller

the tenth of all we get for grinding:

and then I paid \$1,200 for the mill.

at 10 per cent. which makes \$120.

This amount I shall deduct from my

mill. Well, I raised last year on the

farm 120 bushels of wheat, and 400 of

corn. True the wheat is worth \$180,

and the sorn \$200, making \$330 from

the farm; but, you must remember, I

paid the tenth out of the wheat for

threshing-true, I threshed it myself;

but I count it all the same; and then

els of corn meal at \$1 25 per bushel,

and one middling bacon each, weigh-

making my corn. Now, count it up

\$5. The corn at \$1.25 per bushel is

worth \$15. This makes \$140. Now

take \$140 from \$380, and you have

\$240. Well, I am steward, and you

and certainly you will allow me the

interest on my land. It was assessed

\$120. Deduct these amounts and i

So you see, my dear son, I have paid

one dollar more than the tenth of my

income!' and the old man smiled tri-

umphantly and smacked his mouth as

if he were ready for heaven in five

er, you have taken no account of

two fine colts and those three calves

claim them. I intend to give the

colts to Philip, and the calves to

And so it goes, my dear Editor, all

over our land. This old money loving

Church member was due to God not

less than \$100, and he paid \$6. God

Almighty sent a flood in May and

Rev. Dr. Fowler preached a re-

miniscential discourse at the Centen-

ary M. E. Church, Chicago, April 20th

from the text 'There is a lad here that

bath five barley loaves, etc' In the

'I think the woman is present at

whose home I made my first pastoral

call, and when I rapped at the door,

she asked me who I was. I told her

my name-that was all I had-and

that I was sent here by the Confer-

ence. Says she: 'Do you know, I am

course of which he said:

case as I did.

pays to virtue.

CONVINCED

More anon.

farm as overpaid on the tithe ques-

For the Advoca'e.

EDINBORO' ACADEMY, MONT-

GOMERY CO., N. C.

The fourth session of this institu-

tion, under the efficient management

of R. H. Skeen, Esq, was closed, by

a public exhibition, on the 29th ult.

The day was clear and beautiful,

and notwithstanding the grassy crops,

the spacious building was densely

crowded, at su early hour, by the

hear and to see the exercises of the

The Academy is a large and hand-

some building, and was decorated

with evergreens and flowers, elegant-

ly and tastefully arranged, by the

adies of the vicinity, which gave the

building a pleasing aspect. At 10

o'clock, the exercises commenced by

the reading of a composition by Miss

Della F. Ingram, ontitled the 'Intro-

laction,' in which the name of every

pupil in school was mentioned in a

very ingenious and pleasing menner.

Speeches were then made by two

Speeches were then made by the

following youths, viz: G. W. Hearne,

J. M. Luther, W. L. Andrews, H. G.

Scarbro', S. D. Ballard, Montgomery.

Jno. M. Overton, Richmond: C. W.

Weoley, Jr., Montgomery; B. F. Lit-

tle, Richmond; and three little boys,

B. S. Ledbetter, Lola P. Skeen, and

Wm. Watkins, who all acquitted them-

selves handsomely.

young and the old, all auxious to

with a brilliant party at night.

There are persons in this world Mr. EDITOR: I write to day upon that compel intelligent and good peothe subject of Tithes. If there is one man in or out of the Church who does ple to treat them different from what his whole duty upon this subject, I they wish to treat respectable or respectful people. Of this class Solomon would pay a handsome sum to see him. People do not do their duty, speaks when he say, 'Answer a fool according to his folly, lest he be wise because they do not know it; and in his own conceit.' It is not bandy many are willingly and designedly ignorant, becaus) knowledge here ing words with them, but letting them stands in direct antagonism to our sellord: provided always their leading does no harm. They have a complaisant fish propensities. Last Sabbath our feeling toward themselves, when they beloved Presiding Elder preached a masterly sermon upon the text. 'Ye say or do something that has somecannot serve God and mammon. thing of the clown about it. It does He showed the secret moral cause of our them much good to see that their 'Cattle Plague,' 'Hog Cholera,' Freshclownish wit makes gentlemen smile ets, &c., &c., and urged the people to aslant. Sometimes such characters give tithes of all their incomes. That get into the ministry-which is a night, a money-loving father in good lighly respectable position. The pocircumstances, and his son-in-law, sition puts them into the best society who also owns rich bottom-lands, but that belongs to their branch of the whose lands were greatly injured by Church. Almost all the Churches have their large gatherings of ministhe recent freshets, were housed in close and earnest conversation upon ters, &c., called Conference, Prosbythe subject of the Elder's sermon. tery, Synod, Association, or Conven-Hear their reasoning and conclusions, tion. This last is more poculiar to and they, too, among the leading that very small, in numbers and influ-Methodists of the Circuit: The father ence-Episcopal Church. This branch of the church has more men belonging speaks. 'Well, son, what do you think of the E der's doctrine to day?' Son. to the class referred to by Solomon 'Well, I suppose it is true. The Jews paid a tenth of all they made, and I

says, 'Answer according, &c., than any other denomination has. Now Tom Foolery when he went to th Convention in Fayetteville, and in his missionary speech regaled the bishops the priests ! the world and the Meth odists, by making this following and most powerful and convincing argument in favor of a liberal missionary contribution from the good people of Fayetteville. He, Tom Foolery, said 'Wr go to places sometimes where there is no church, and we have to and I claim the interest on that \$1,200 | hold forth in the Methodist meeting house.' All of this speech was made in the Episcopal meeting bouse in Fayetteville. Tom may make his tion. So they'll get nothing from my speeches and call our Churches meeting houses if he pleases to do so, and in our goodness we will let him 'held forth' in them. Henceforth, let all u starte that make such speeches clown like, to make silly people laugh at more silly speeches, be known and

titled, Tem Foolery. And may God have mercy upon their souls, if they BEN ELLETT.

KNEELNG AT THE COMMUN-

A CORRESPONDENT WRITES: The general invitation given when adminis tering the sacrament closes thus, "Meekly kneeling upon your knees." Now, bas the minister the right to add, "If any do not wish to kneel they may sit up while taking the

Hickorynut Plains.

The kneeling which follows the inviation takes place while the confession and the prayers following are said. of institution of the Lod's supper. They reclined at the paschal-supperthough when the passover was instituted the Israelites celebrated it standing. Wheatly thinks the disciples received the eucharist in a posture of adoration; but probably they received it in the posture in which they had just eaten the passover. It seems from Eusebius (Eccl. His. vii. 9) they stood in the East at the reception of the elements. We have communed with Germans (Reformed and Latheran) in that posture. But the ancients did it with silence, downcast eyes, bowing in the posture of worship. The Greek, Roman, Lutheran (Europe), and Anglican Churches commune kneeling. The pope, however, receives sitting-so do Dissenters in England and the Presbyterins (with whom we have communed in that posture.' Sitting at the reception is said to have been introduced by the Arians-

ply remarking that ministers would weight of live stock, got behind the the Conference should send such a do better in trying to remove scruples which to determine the value of a sermean looking little boy as you are? That was my first pastoral visit. She than to give any encoragement to told the truth exactly; and yet. them -Nashville Advocate. through all the years, she has been a good friend. I do not think I was Sydney Smith, the caustic wit of the more put out about it than I would English Church gives the following epigramatic decription of Pusevism. have been if I was in her place; not (and its successor, Rituaism.) 'A syshalf as much as she would have been if she had known as much about the cumflexion and genuflexion, of bowing to the East, and bowing to the Hypocrisy is the tribute that vice West, with any amount of man-mil-

lenery, and other tomfooleries,,

GREAT PREACHERS!

Great preaching, in the popular sense, as the phrase goes, is a great evil. The sermons of what are called great star preachers do no good-perhaps I should say they do more evil than good. Who is awakened and converted by the great popular sermons of the day? Who goes away to repent and pray after hearing one of these splendid sermons, as they are called? The people are entertained. and vie with each other in praising the preacher. The entire vocabulary of adjectives-such as magnificent, superb, grand, sublime, overwhelming, brilliant, superlatively magnificent, and the like-is exhaused in bestowing commendation upon the 'great effort;' but who is cut to the heart as a guilty sinner? Who bemoans his defection as a backslider? Who relaxes his grasp on his money as an avaricous church member? Who feels that his pride, or ambition, or worldliness, or greed of gain, or sensuality, or selfish ness, is sharply reproved by the truth as it is in Jesus? Who goes away humble and displeased with himself? No; the predominan feeling is one of admiration of the preacher-admirationof his fine style, his word-painting, his exquisitely modulated voice, his elegant periods, his acquaintance with literature, philosophy, science, art, history! It is not that he held up the gospel glass and revealed to the hearer his impurity, his personal sins, his naked, ugly deformity as a moral leper-his loathsomeness in the sight of God. It is not that he revealed to the worldly, formal church member his perilous condition. No; it is that the mirror held up flattered each one's selfrighttues and excellencies of character. The people are pleased with themselves, and, in self-compliment, commend and praise the preacher. The

The preaching against which this thing in it except the gospel, and bor of looking out defects in their own blank sheet of paper, heat soon enawhich is popular and taking with the multitude because there is no country, carpets, cartains, railroads, ter had returned two days sooner than That is not the time to tell people that gospel in it. The preaching under customers, ministers, anything. While anticipated, and was to leave that very they can receive the commenion stand- reprobative comment is that which ing or sitting-which is allowed, ac- pleases but does not convict: cording to a rabric at the end of the that which excites and gratifies Office for the Lord's supper. We do | the sensibilities, but does not deternot know in what posture the disci- mine the will to renounce sin and acples received the elements at the time | cept salvation upon gospel conditions. It is not the 'spread eagle,' or 'hifalutin,' so much, as it is the finished, elegant, and really sublime in thought and style. It is the sermon in which every word is carefully selected, and every sentence like cut crystal, and every period rounded with the highest rhetorical finish-abounding, it may be, with new and striking views of subjects, illustrated with figures of inimitable beauty, and ornamented with pictures drawn in faultless wordpainting, and delivered with au elocution that is above criticism, and only lacks an infusion of the gospel to make it 'the power of God unto salvation.' The objection is not that it is in fine style, abounding in fascinating pictures of unrivalled beauty, and delivered in the most pleasing and winning manner; but that it is devoid of 'the truth as it is in Jesus,' and is not preached in demonstration and power,' and 'with the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven.' It is one thing Methodists sit during the administrato illustrate the gospel with facts and tion, except when the confession and pryers are recited, and when they in figures drawn from philosophy, science, turn receive the elements. To us this | art, nature, history, and general literature; it is quite another thing to custom is edifying. We accompany make these sources of illustration the the reception with special exercises staple of the sermon, and to leave of prayer and faith that we may realuot the gospel altogether. There is a how passionately he desired primitive ize the thing signified, and kneeling is ancillary to such acts of the soul. Of stupendous amount of tomfoolery dis played by really clever men in substicourse, none but pseudo-Catholics tuting manhood for the gospel in our ever dream of rendering adoration day. Eloquent discourses are preach to the elements when kneeling at the ed about nothing. The effect of such table. But the posture is of little impreaching is to pervert public taste. portance-and so we dismiss it, simand to create a wrong standard by with regard to the established mode mon. It is to substitute the aesthetics of religion for true, heart-felt religion it is concluded that a new preacher with a tented frame over it, from which itself. It works serious damage to must take his place. The new preach was suspended a strip of scarlet crape: the spirituality of public religious ex- er comes. Are the fault finders cat- one end of this she adjusted round ercises. In itself, it is positive perversion of the gospel ministry, and proceeds on a fal e theory as to the end and aim of preaching. It fosters tem of posture and imposture, of cir- the reading of sermons, or the memor-

evil of such preaching more than coun-

terbalances the good that comes of it.

The preachers themselves, of this class

cornscate and dazzle for a season, like

glares for a brief interval on the aston-

ished eye, and then sinks away again

into the impenetrable depths of silence

whence they smerged.

GREAT PREACHING AND preacher. Nothing beyond this is de-

sired by the hearers. I should be wholly misapprehended if any one were to infer from this line of remark that anything is intended against the most careful, patient, and the work wrong, and what you have thorough preparation for the pulpit. Nothing could be further from my intent and mesning. It requires scarcely less thought to prepare a direct, pungent, and instructive gospel sermon than to prepare a fine discourse of the character animadverted on in praise. 'What's the use,' say they, th's article; but it does require more of taking pains, and making any parpicty, more concern of souls, and a ticular effort; just as well take things

sibilities of the preacher, who must give account to the Great Head of the Church for the manner in which he has executed his high commission .-The 'star preacher' wanes and wears out; the earnest gospel preacher con tinues fresh and in demand while hi life lasts.

JOHN E. EDWARDS. Richmond, Va., May, 1873. FINDING FAULT.

Complaining, finding fault, seems t be a part of some people's nature, anthey have aggravated the feeling b habit. They seem to be on the look out for vexations, slights and ill-usage, with which to whip themselves up to the growling point. They seem to have the sign hung out. 'Entertain ment for all sorts of wor ries here.' No doubt there are thousands of thing in this tangled world that deserve cen sure, and the truth be told every time But life is too short for so low and unpleasant a business. If we have the ca pacity to abate any of life's ills by find ing fault with them; or if we can induce others to abate them by our complaining of them, there is good excuse.

brains to do this.

less he was miserable.' I thought at known to me, was breathing his jaded a great comet that emerges from dark- first it was a regular bull. Yet, when horse preparatory to return, but could ness in the depths of space, blazes and I have listened to some persons regive no other information this: About hearse the long catalogue of their pet- 1 o'clock a. m., he was aroused from ty slights and worries, and hawking his slumbers, and on going to his door their griefs and woes in other people's tound a lady on horseback who gave hearing, I don't know but the Irish him the note, and told him to take it. man came very near telling the truth. at fall speed, to Trenton and give it line of remark is directed is not They seem to have a wonderful scent to any Confederate officer he should to be confonded with the preach for mortifying circumstances and dark find on duty there, as it contained ing which is eloquent, conscience stir- things in general. With them there important information. In a few ring, and impressive—combining every is so silver lining to the dark cloud. moments thereafter, I was in the prielement of moral grandeur and spiritu Their long lane has no turn. The vate room of a citizen of Trenton and al power-the power of the gospel; but lean kind are always going to eat up his kind wife was warming an iron for against that preaching which has every- the fat ones. How they relish the la my use. Applied to the seemingly children and neighbors, in their church, bled me to see what I desired. Fos you are admiring, they are hunting morning, with a force most accurately up defects. While you are regaled detailed on the sheet before me, on with the sight and odor of flowers, an expedition, having, in my opinion, they are grumbling about weeds. the railroad bridge at Weldon for its Some of them are not talkative, but objective point. The object of my exafter yen have told of what is delight- pedition being thus frustrated, I reful and praiseworthy, they look troub- turned tamediately to Kinston, and led as if attacked by rheamatism, shrug gave the information I had procured

snuff the air, and say nothing. new arrangement.

much more unhappy he was than the plowboy, the laborer, or the farmer; how much more pure the air and simple the life in the country. So he turns farmer. Call on him in a year or two and hear him talk al out mud, exposure, perverse flocks and herds, blasted fruits and crops; hear him groan about grass, material, work, ack of culture and refinement in country society; its thousand inconve niences, and the perversity of his hired help. How he once lenged to com mune with nature unalloyed by city customs, how he sighed for 'open air.' simplicity in society. Now he has a lapsed into an early grave, she had full of them. Have his woes all gone? made up her mind to commit suicide

So, too, a society has a minister who surprise, his official remonstrances has had a reasonable amount of suc were received with common place cicess as i's pastor. But the complain vili ies, and 'on the day named the ing ones have carefully looked up all woman did deliberately sacrifice her nis defects, and set them in full and life in the presence of thousands. A black array before all listeners, until stage was creeted in the open fields isfied? Not long.

this vale of tears has a spell of gramb sented by a person standing by, and ling now and then. But if it only baving let fall a veil over her face. comes occasionally it will do but little she mounted a chair and resolutely iter, of finished and carefully compos- harm. It's the perpetual dropping jumped off it, her little classed hands ed discourses.—Popular effect is the that wears the granite. If a man, or saluting the assemblage as her fastone great thing to be attained. Noth- woman, has really something to grum- failing form twirled round with the ing beyond this is cared for by the ble about, let him or her, like David, tightening cord.

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roar awhile and then stop. It is when the habit becomes chronic down that it is a very undignified nuisance.

If persons work for you and you are always telling them that they do not done is the very thing you wanted done; if you are always talking about their sleekness, stupidity or neglect, you take the heart out of them. They soon see that whatever they do, it all comes to the same, 'all blame and no more solemn conviction of the respon- easy, for is fault finding any how. Hence eye cervan's, honce sin and unhappiness made by fault finders .-C. atra! Christian Advocate.

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BEROIST OF A YOUNG LADY

News had been received at headquarierant Kinston in November 1862, that two Generals of the Federal army, one of them commanding in North Carolina, would on a certain day pass from Morehead to Newbern. It was advisable, in view of contemplated movements, to capture the train, and secure the officers. At 10 p. m , I received orders to proceed at once to Trenton, take a detail of men from Major Nethercult's command, and, if possible, on the day named, capture the train. A. 2 a m., I reached Trenton to find Major Nechercutt absent on one of his usual scouting expeditions. Awaiting his roturn at daylight. I made myself c. mfortable, and was about to indulge in a morning's nap, when the clatter of the feet of a horse, at full gallop, caused me to step to the door of the Court House to see what was in the wind. The sentinel upon But what we want to talk about just duty had halted the rider; and was new is that querulous, discontented receiving from him a paper to be dedisposition that broods over disagree- livered immediately to the officer in ables with but little aim or power of command. To my astonishment the mending them. It takes very little note bore no address, and upon being opened the blank page all Laif a sheet I once heard an Irishman say of of letter paper was that met my eye. another that 'he was never happy un- The rider, an elderly countryman untheir shoulders, turn up their noses, through the intrepid daring of one of Newbern's daughters, to the officer in No power can satisfy these people. command. Steps were promptly ta-If every thing was changed so as to ken by the General Commanding the correspond with their plans they would Department, and such an array of still complain. They would impugn troops was placed in front and upon the motive, or find new defects in the the flanks of the Federal General as caused him rapidly to retrace his step. You may have seen an intellectual The lady's name appended to that man who has lived in the city and note has never been told-her secret growled over its defects and miseries has been locked in my breast-my suuntil he has concluded to move to the perior officer respecting my motive in country. What a large amount of desiring to keep it, only requiring my rhetoric he has used in telling how pledge that the writer was worthy of credit. I doubt whether the writer of that note ever knew into whose hands it fell, or the good it accomplished, When I state that she was a young lady, tenderly reared and then in the very morning of maidenhood, her night ride at great personal risk, to convey useful information, can be properly appreciated.

How Chinese Ladies Die for Love. -In his 'Far Cathay,' Mr. Medhurst sta es that one morning he received a cardfrom a wealthy young lady informing him that her betrothed having on a certain day. To Mr. Medhurst's her neck. She then embraced a little I suppose that nearly every man in boy, probably a little brother, pre-

Why should not a minister of defend your principles. If you be-Christ, dealing with the present and lieve in the doctrines and usages of elemal interests of man, though sur your Church say so, and let the world stares, fire and brimstone, and a hor- and be glorified in the correction of ble tempest, upon defenseless souls error, the mental and moral illumina-His grace before the His grace before the creation of man; High in their Most Holy faith.