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Maetrn.

"All alone, my Baby Boy."

BY REV. DR. PHEEPS. All alone, my baby boy! Little living frunt of joy Canet thou walk, unled, unaided, On the parior floor paraded?

Looking comical and queer, Arms extended as in feur, Infant gilgrim, now begin, Try thy skill, and thou shalt win There; one little step is taken, By it all thy form is shaken.

One more-swinging to and fro-Lost your balance-down you go! p again, by stool or chair, Taxe another venture fair ; Walking is a mighty matter, -Make your little feet to clatter.

Come, my darling, come to me, Laughing, crowing, in your glee!

O, my precious baby boy, Father's pride and mother's joy, Many charms in thee are found, Many hopes in thee are bound, Kindest hands to thee are proffered. Eurnest prayers for thee are offered.

All alone, my blossed child, Now so winning, sweet, and mild, Of life's opening, closing day, Thou must walk, thyself immortal, Toward the future's solemn portal,

Take no evil path, my boy .--Make not bitter all our boy : On, may every step of thine Guided be by love divine! Walk, alme, the path of dury,-Path of safery and of heauty.

Then thy faithful feet, at last, When this earthly seens is past, Shall, within the heavenly gate, Walk, with highest joy elate; On the banks of Life's pure river, Bright with glories fading never!

Riscellaucons Articles.

ders who may chance to be votaries of "carlet sin." the barbarous code by which gentlemen sometimes settle their difficulties. The past history and the present wellearned reputation of the veteran Edito all he may say on such subjects .-

From the Wilmington Commercial. Duelling.

"Honor! Thou blood-stained god, "At whose red altar six Wan and Homeron."

Understanding that the unfortunate affair between Messrs. Fulton & Burn closes an article on Revivals and Class has been satisfactorily adjusted, we feel Meetings : at liberty to make some remarks on the

others who may see fit to notice us. in which, in case of a fatal result, the this: that Christians, in order to arouse survivor would have been an object of thought upon the subject of religion, pity and compassion, will, we trust, be in the midst of sinners, must have cona warning to them and to others for the stant living active thoughts upon the future, as what we shall write will not subject themselves. And if their minds be an abstract theory, or matter of duare thus interested, they will seek to bious implication, but founded upon talk about it-seek to call into action perience.

duel and its duello, the proper resort tally apathetic and dumb upon the suband rule for restitution for insult, and ject of thy soul's salvation, go where the appeasement for wounded honor.—
We have had these associations in both
even though your heart be not free to sorious feeling or an inimical disposi-tion—for we, too, were once reckless of Finally, as we, in our first paper inof the fate of the body and careless timated, the first obstacle to a revival, of the imperiled soul.

heart quailed not and whose nerves one another, and thus revive themselshook not in the fary of the storm of the battle; who joined in the shout of victory and recapitulated the number of the enemy slain without compunction or self reproach: we have known such, we say, to exhibit the tearful weakness either in their stated form, or by the of a child, and the nervous agitation of working of the principle that constituconscious guilt, when reflecting upon a tes their power in some form, is the duel in which he had killed his fellow evil day that has fallen upon Methodman. And this result is a rule in every case, save in those exceptions in which a man exhibits the feeling and the con-HORRORS, MAIL !"

which we have stated to be a rule of moral results, occurred when there was feared the Lord and that thought upon on the part of the aggressor.

on the part of the aggressor.

And what aspect does this fearful drama assume in regard to civil life, where no test of courage, in the field of false honor, is necessary to a man's profession, or to his retaining a position in which he becomes the object of affection, respect and esteem? While in military life a man loses caste and becomes infamous in the eyes of his fellow soldiers, if he fail to meet the issue; in civil life, every christian, every philanthropist, every generous hearted citizen; ay, nine-tenths of the whole population will sustain a man who declares he will not settle difficulwho declares he will not settle difficulties in this murderous mode. Why?

Because his conscience forbids it—the

Divides D.—The Faretteville and Northern Plank Road Company has declared a dividend of 4 per cent., which makes 12 per religion of the land forbids it; and cent., during the year.

the laws of his country pronounce it a felony !!

What do you think of it, friends and ject to be a work of deep interest and fellow citizens? A son, a brother, a permanent value to the whole Church. as himself, and is indeed a fluent man father a grindstone? husband or a father is immolated on Rev. Mr. Wellons, of Va., editor of and a good neighbor,) preach than to this red alter of homicide. Where or the "Christian Sun", believes that no hear me. But when death came verily how can the dear associations thus rent | man in the South is more competent to his door, he did not send for a man asunder be restored? Who can re- for this work than Dr. D. Rev. Mr. to come and preach to him the doctrine asunder be restored? Who can re-kindle the extinguished flame that glow-kindle the extinguished flame that glowcomfort ; what can console their grief; what can assuage their anguish? Alas!

KINGDOM OF GOD."

Handsousstretched, and steps so cunning! history—the result of correct obties of matrimony with one who is all children, like "apples of gold in pictures of silver," come to the embrace | timable character and splendid talents for a Universalist to die. and kiss of paternal affection. Many Though, with crowds along the way a time, sir, in those hours of expected felicity: when you shall take the cup of bliss in order to press it to your lips: many a time, sir, will remorse "dash it that in a recent trip over the Kew York "What is gratitude ?" "Grafftude is ed truant; send to school or you will are "without money and without price." to the earth untusted." And the ar | and Eric road, an incident occurred the memory of the heart." "What is | rue it ! row of Jenovan will rankle in your that touched every beholder's heart of hearts," while again and with pity. A comparatively young piness." "Hope is the blossom of hapthat touched every beholder's heart hope?" "Hope is the blossom of hapto turn the grindstone this cold day; give either the one or the other for the again you hear the fearful words: "The lady, dressed in deep mourning-her tween hope and desire?" "Desire is but now to be called a "little," rascal, cheerful sunbeam and the grateful shower; VOICE OF THY BROTHER'S BLOOD CRIES husband having recently died-was a tree in leaf; hope is a tree in flower; is too much! It sank into my mind, the gray of the morning, the twilight of TO ME FROM THE GROUND !"

And now, let me beseech the young tor, Thomas Loring, give great weight without bestowing on them some hours claimed pointing upwards—"Mother man, soon after having experienced re-

Class Meetings.

The Northwestern C. Advocate thus

"But it had not been our design to subject of duelling, for the considera-enter the class-room, to reveal its famition of our brother Editors and all ly-like privacies and privileges-its blessedness and its glory. But what The awful peril they have escaped, we meant to say, and will now say, is our own personal observation and ex- the great social principle which consti-It has been our fortune, in early life, the power of the class-meeting. And, tutes, so far as anything human can, to associate with those who consider the brother, if morally insensible, if menmilitary and civil life. Our friends to it, and their conversation shall (and will not, therefore impute to us a cen- it seldom ever fails to) excite an inter-

We have known the soldier, whose church members to speak oftener to which a church has to overcome, is for

It can scarcely be said of Methodists, viction imputed by Milton to the lost the days of Malachi: "Then they that fiend, when he exctaimed, "ETERNAL feared the Lord spake ofter, one to another, and the Lord hearkened and Recollect, reader, that these cases heard it; and a book of remembrance no escape from the issue, either of blood his name." If, among the angels, a or irretrievable disgrace. Some-times, special secretary be now employed to too, with wanton and aggravated wrong record the religious conversations of

"THE ANNALS OF SOUTHERN METH- UNIVERSALISM IN A DYING HOUR .-ODISM."-In regard to this new book FURNISHED BY A PASTOR .- The fol-If, then, it be apparent, beyond by the Rev. Dr. Deems, the following lowing fact shows the power of con- an old newspaper: it is a good one, controversy, that in the former case the survivor of a duel hears that awful assertion: "The voice of the Broth- rin, of Tenn., says, this "forthcoming course of the past summer was called

ed in the family circle? Where or leans Advocate says, "we do not know edly to my house for me to visit him .- is down in the shop." how can the bereaved find hope and one so competent as the author for get- It was so ordered, however, that I did ting up a hand book of that sort judi-ciously and tastefully." The N. C. his death, having been on a visit, at the because it is an irresistable decree that the South should procure it; and, in- He was greatly distressed, and employ-"NO MURDERER SHALL INHERIT THE deed, all of every creed and of no creed ed his last three days in pleading for should obtain it as a record of what one mercy. Wait to shield from hurts of barms; And what can the survivor hope for? of the most active and powerful denom- Professed Universalists should be Ha! you've started, tripping, running, Listen to the TRUTH established by inations of Christians has been doing reminded that the hour of death will during the past year." The Peters- test the sincerity of their professions. servation. In vain will you receive burg (Va.,) Express, says. "This book When conscience is awakened, and a the applause of the thoughtless and will no doabt prove a considerable ad- a man's sins are set in order before I went to work and bitterly did I rue payment. Who ever paid a farthing for giddy; you connect yourself in the holy dition. to our present religious litera- him, it is not easy for him to deceive the day. It was a new axe, and I the daffe dil of the dale; the purple heath ture." The Wilmington Commercial himself into the belief that God regards toiled and tugged till I was almost tir- flower of the mountain and the moor; the that heart or mind can desire; your says that it "is looked for with eager with equal complacency, the righteous ed to death. The school bell rung and warbling of happy birds; the music of

of the Author."—Ex.

A Touching Scene,-A correspon- A pupil of the Abbe Sicard gave the with, dent of the Elmira Republican says following extraordinary, answers :traveling Southward, having in her and enjoyment is a tree in fruit." - and I have frequently thought of it evening, the broad blaze of noon-day and And what can be done, when you care and keeping a young daughter of "What is eternity?" "A day with- since. ery out to God, in bitterness of soul. some six years. The little girl was out yesterday or to-morrow; a line When I see a merchant over polite hour! The poorest of the poor have these, source alone can you find relief-if per- beautiful was the affection of her heart necessary being, the sun of eternity, adventure the Spirit of God may in- for the mother, whose solicitude for the the mechanist of nature, the eye of duce you to seek it. You are doomed daughter's comfort was unceasingly justice, the watch maker of the uniticle to the attention of any of our rea- blood of Christ shall wash away your from the car window she turned to her God reason?" "Man reasons because mother saving; "Mother, I am weary he doubts; he deliberates, he decides; -when shall we get home ?" After a God is omnisicent; he knows all things; men of this and every community where time she fell into a gentle slumber and he never doubts; he therefore never these words may be read, not to turn awaking suddenly-a radiant smile reasons." from the admonition contained in them overspreading her features—she ex- Currous Consciency.—A negro woof serious and careful reflection. If there's papa!—home at last!" and experienced by a candid mind and an pired. It was yet many a weary mile with her consort, from a neighboring honest heart, we have no fears for the result!

| The substitute of the mother's home, but the angels plantation. Of course she was whipped for the good of others as well as of her to the Paradise of Innocence.

A LAMENTABLE DEATH.—A correstible neighborhood, and Dinah prepared pondent of the Zion's Advocate furnishes the following obituary to that paper. The lesson it teaches is needful in many quarters: "Died, in Laonary Meeting, aged one the Property Meeting, aged one the neighborhood, and Dinan prepared to go. Her mistress remonstrated with her, and mentioned the goose affair as a sufficient reason for her not to offer herself on such a holy occasion; to dicea, the Prayer Meeting, aged one year. The health of the meeting was poor most of the year, and its life was despaired of. But a few anxious friends kept it alive, and sometimes it would so | GEN. HOUSEON'S HOUSE.-A correvive as to encourage them. Discour- respondent of the Urbana Citizen, agement, however, at last prevailed, travelling in Texas, says: and the prayer meeting is dead. It "This afternoon we passed the farm died from neglect. Not a christian was and residence of Gen. Sam. Houston. present when it died. Over forty His house is rather a primitive affair, christians (?) were living within a mile being a one story, double-hewed log of it, and not one was there. Had cabin, with an entry between, a rough been saved, for where two are agreed front, and surrounded by live oaks, ne- bad weather? touching anything they shall ask, it gro cabies and sheds, and the whole the forty might have been there, had ing a lack of order in the original pro- would be the appearance of our churches they been so disposed. But they were prietor. His farm is partly in the on the Lord's day? not and the poor prayer meeting died." town of Independence, a little, dillapi-

few days since, was in the county judge's there. office, in the court-house, surrounded by a gaged in the talk. Presently, howev- cockney who 'eared 'im 'oot got h'exocation of all of the profession in the works h'accordingly. United States, when they ventured to interrupt the Methodist preacher, to ask his opinion about it.

said, -"My opinion is this: When borhood of a printing office where he Satan comes to make an inventory of heard coarse profanity. "I always do reference-book for his use." J. H.

A Long Nose. Old Uncle Hector was famous for region. He could not help that though, ding in the cars a few weeks since found but unfortunately his habits gave it a herself seated by the side of an old bright, rosy color, which, with its size, matron who was extremely deaf .made it a natural and artificial curiosi- "Ma'am," said she, in a high tone, and waking up in the course of the you ever tried electricity for your deafnight with a raging thirst, he rose and ness?" "O, yes, indeed I did; it was set off for something to drink. It was only last summer I got struck by lightpitch dark, and for fear he would pitch ning, but I don't see as it did me a bit against the door of his room, which of good." was usually left standing open, he groped along, took the door directly between | DEATH OF AN OLD MINISTER .- Rev. his hands, and received the edge of it Thomas Wilkerson, one of the oldest full tilt against the end of his nose. It itinerant ministers in the country, and knocked him over backward, and he well known through the South, died screamed out with agony :-

number of lawyers, who were conversing A writer in the Knickerbocker Magabout the ministry, and trying to "call azine suggests that in all probability him out;" but he sat apparently busy the bird of wisdom called owl was inreading; paid no attention to, nor en- tended to be called howl, but the first er, the conversation changed to the asperated and dropped the h'aitch,merits of a Lawyer's Directory, recent- H'ornithologists and h'entymologists ly published, giving, the names and will please notice and correct their

PROFANITY REBUKED .- Howard the philanthropist was seen significant-Laying his paper aside, he very coolly ly to button up his coat in the neigh-

having the largest nose in all Cape Fear RATHER SCEPTICAL .- A lady riindulging pretty freely all the evening, did you say, Miss ?" "I asked you if

near Abingdon Va., on the 3d instant, "Well, I always knew I had a big at the advanced age of 84 years. He nose, but I never thought it was longer had been a minister for 60 years, and than my arm before."-Harper's Mag- was a cotemperary of the great AsThe following story is taken from gomery Mail.

'Yes, sir,' said L.

Pleased with the compliment, of 'fine 'And will you,' said he, patting me glidingthrough clouds of bewildering beau-

'will you let me grind my axe on it."

they sorrow as those who have no hope Advocate says, "every Methodist in time, to a distant part of the country. How could I refuse? I ran and have adored their almighty Maker with soon brought a kettle full.

> name,' continued he, without waiting mind with conceptions of immensity, powfor a reply. 'I am sure you are one of the finest lads that I have ever seen. The halve them for nothing.

interest by all acquainted with the es- and the wicked. It is a serious thing I could not get away; my hands were crystal brooks; the waving of butterflies' blistered, yet it was not half ground. wings; the joyous hum, and, if I can say At length, however, the axe was shar- it without irreverence, the incessent halle-

"My PUNISHMENT IS GREATER THAN I mild eyed as an autumnal sky and as that has no ends." "What is time?" to his customers, begging them to taste and they have them for nothing! CAN BEAR!" Nothing that the world delicate as the hyacinth-her emacia- "A line that has two ends; a path a little brandy, and throwing half his can do—thus will you live and thus ted fingers as delicate and transparent which begins in the eradle and ends in goods on the counter, thinks I, that will you die and perish. From one as the pearls of Ceylon. Thouchingly the tomb." "What is God?" "The man has an axe to be ground.

doubtful character, patting a girl on can do nothing worthy of your being, without striving—without putting forth all her cheek, praising her sparkling eye, the energies of your souls. You must We commend the following arwhich attention of any of our realater the attention of any of ou or you will find to your sorrow that wealth-secure honor-or last but not least you have turned the grindstone for a by any means, to enter into the straight villain .- Hartford Spirit of the Age. gate and to go to heaven. Without striv-

> Twelve Questions for a Wet Sunday, scences on the industrious public. 1. If it were any other day, would I be kept at home by the weather ?

herself. Soon after these circumstances, a communion was to take place in

5. If any one church be distant, is

and umbrella, that will keep me from and glerious will be your destiny. Evil taking cold, and preserve my Sunday men may entice you-glowing prospects dress from injury ?

9. If every one should find an excuse virtue, for the imitation of all. shall be done for them. Two thirds of enclosed by a crooked rail fence, show- for absence as easily as I do, what

10. Is it not a dishonor to my Ma- IT IS HARD TIMES .- It is hard times." A Good Hir.—Bro. W., paster of dated, one horse place, with some of ker, if for reasons that would not in-

the church at Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, a looking as though they had always been from the stated worship of the sanc- to take a paper.

versified by going out to church? | can't afford to have a newspaper.' Poor may go to school, to market, to store, weekly paper, is better for his children, garment." It "signifies," said the dito shows, in all weather-but not to than six months without the pape

all his stock, it will be an invaluable this," he remarked, "when I hear swear- to be in Selma on business. This was to the mind as raiment and food for the ri, steamer, on his return from Kamsas. ing. One who can take God's name in August last. Mountain Sprout was body. - Portland Pleasure Boat. in vain, can also steal or do any thing a member of the church, but a long ty. One night he retired to rest after "did you ever try electricity?" "What Sprout, on, trial admitted that he had, down, you cannot destroy them. They day, and to repair to their respective

brother had only got drunk under the energy. circumstances of being away from home August? I'm for jerking him out times.

Who will turn the Grindstone! | for lying.' And out he went."-Mont-

Things that Cost Nothing.

Suprise and sunset cost us pothing, all When I was a little boy, I remem- glowing and glorious as they are. Colors, ERS'S BLOOD CRIES TO ME FROM THE Work will be one of interest." Rev. to a sick and dying bed. Not long ber, one cold winter's day I was accos- that are only to be seen in the heavens, Standing on thy siny feet.

Trembling tottering, smiling sweet!

Trembling tottering, smiling sweet!

The walk, unled, unaided,

The latter?

Mr. Heffin, of N. C., says, it cannot previously he remarked to one of his friends that he had much rather hear his shoulder.

Mr. Heffin, of N. C., says, it cannot previously he remarked to one of his fusely spread, and we have sight to behold 'My pretty boy,' said he, 'has your them, pulses to threb, hearts to beat, and minds to contemplate with wonder, thankfulness and joy. Rising and setting suns 'You're a fine little fellow,' said he, are common place exhibitions, when, were there only one such exhibition to be witnessed in a century, multiplied millions,

Have you looked on the silvery moon, increased admiration, love and joy ! If so, 'How old are you, and what's your you must have felt that these things fill the

Will you turn the stone a few minutes?'

Tickled with this flattery, like a fool

Clover and bean field, are ours without INTERLIGENCE OF A DEAF MUTE. — pened, and the man turned to me lujah of the insect world? Nature is libhalls are flung open; her noblest exhibi-Now, you little rascal, you've play- tions are free, and her abundant banquets

We give money, and time, and labor, for deep silence and darkness of the midnight

Strive.

That is the word-strive. Whatever When I have seen a young man of may be your calling, pursuit, or aim; you ing in some degree, you will become noth-From the Presbyterian. ing worthy of note, but remain idle excre-

Show us a man of energy-who is striving to rise from the hole of poverty or the 2. Did I ever stay away from my diet what he will become—providing he business, from a party, from an amuse-ment, for such a rain or snow as this? 2. If it were a public meeeting for higher and higher, till he reaches the sumsome other purpose than divine worship, mit, where his fondest hopes aspired. Bewould I think it too bad to go out ? hold him there-the admiration of all. Is 4. Would I go to church if I could was not the love of praise, or power; it make or save a dollar by it, or gain a was sterling integrity - a God like principle that prempted him enward and upward ; and now his earliest and his latest thoughts there none that is near where I may be sure of finding a vacant seat to-day?

Let I are affected a specific of specific and sees eye to eye the pure spirits, whose 6. If I am afraid of spoiling my character and virtues he has been so long

the meeting, and neglect my duty? | come! Will you strive for meral excellence | in which he lived, to see about getting 7. Have I not overcoat, overshoes, and virtue? Let these be your ambition, may bewitch you but if you have correct 8. Am I not nearer to the church moral principles in your hearts-if you two only been there, its life might have stone chimney at each end, a porch in than many who are never kept away by strive to overcome pride and every form of sin, you will escape the glare and folly of the world, and signal forth a paragon of

Olive Branch.

its nouses tumbling down, and the rest fluence me in worldly matters, I keep ticket—'It's hard times, and I can't afford

'The times are hard,' says the man with 11. Is not a wet Sunday at home a a large family; I have six children to take them. more dreary day than one that is di-clothe, feed, and provide a school for : I 12. Am I willing that my children man! what a pity he does not know that should learn by my example that they three months' schooling in a year with a "He was clothed with curses as with a

'The times are hard,' says the young woman, as she gives twenty-five cents just for a ribbon to wear around her neck-the A STRONG STORY .- A wild friend times are so hard, I cannot subscribe for of ours, (Selma Tom,) told us the other day the following story:

"Tom says he got acquainted with a Now my friendly advice to these and all

very companionable fellow from one of others, is, to consider a good paper as one a reverend gentleman, who rendered the mountain counties, who happened of the necessaries of life, quite as needful himself so obnoxious on board a Missou-

way from home, and having never ex- UPRIGHT MEN.-We love upright eye for the "main chance," according perienced iced cocktail before, he took men. Pull them this way and the other, on as much as he could wag with.' Tom and they only bend-they never break. aiding and abetting. In due time, Trip them down, and in a trice they are one Sunday he had to read the annual Sprout went home; but rumors of his on their feet again. Bury them in the potations followed him, and the church mud, and in an hour they would be out brought him 'to taw' for drunkenness, and bright. You cannot keep them their usual secular vocations on that while in Selma, got a little 'foxy,' but are the salt of the earth. Who but they then he told his brethren the 'big lump start any noble project? They build of ice they had at the bar was so very our cities, whiten the ocean with their inviting, he couldn't help drinking. sails, and blacken the heavens with the "Thereupon an old brother got up smoke of their cars. Look at them, and said that, 'for his part, if the young young men, and catch the spark of their

and failing into bad company, he Conversion to Spiritualism .- The should have been in favor of forgiving harmony of the "Christian church" in him, on his making proper acknowledg- Nashville, Tenn., has been disturbed of ments. But, brethren,' he wound up, late by the conversion of its pastor, the 'this matter is worse than drinking .- Rev. J. B. Ferguson, formerly of Win-It's downright lying! Did you hear chester, Va., to the doctrine of spiritwhat brother Sprout said about ice in ualism and other "new lights" of the

\$1 50 A YEAR IN ADVANCE.

For the N. C. Christian Advocate

A Proposition.

Bao. HEFLIN: We live in a progress. sive age, and your paper is the very one for the people. Sustain it? Why, they !! do it, if it costs them one dollar and a half. I am truly happy, sir, to see her sheet spread to the breeze, and still mers to hear you say, although she has had " to contend with the snow-storm" and the waves of apposition from different sources. yet you have "received one thousand subscribers in January." Sir, if you receive that many in such weather, what will you do when it gets good? Many of our ministers have been ice bound, and unable to attend their appointments, where they could have seen the people; but I am glad that there is a change. The earth that has so long been bound in icy fetters has burst the chains asunder; the birds have commenced their sweet songs of praise to nature's God; the farmer, who has scarcely been able to keep wood for fires, now speaks of fallowing his land; the ministers are able (sometimes) to get a congregation. While you, brethren, are engaged in warning sinners to fice the wrath to come, before you leave the church, don't forget to tell your bearers that we not only have "an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteons," but that we also have a North Carolina Christian Advocate, that will help us in our labors of love, in bringing many who are now strangers to the covenant of grace, into that way which leadeth to glory and to

In conclusion, I propose to be one of a hundred that will send ten new subscribers. to the Advocate by or before the 10th of March. Who will accede? Rosnoke, Feb. 1856; M. H.

Sagacity of a Dog. When the renowned Don Quixote was cursuing his adventures, if anything befel him for which he could find precedent in the records of chivalry, it served to confirm him in the belief that his own yourtion was to be a knight-errant. So with the Editor: day by day such things as happen only to Editors are occurring to him. But most Editors had seen a great scrpent, or a wonderful fish, or an astonishing dog, or something so. In this respect, we were behind other knights of the steel pen, until to day, the following dogs story comes to hand; not very wonderful, it may be, but very true, neverthe-

Mn. Entron: Perhaps the following. which was related to me by good authority, would be interesting to many of your read ers. Mr. M. L. Wiggins, of Halifax, N. C., has a dog, which he prises very highly; as is usually the case with pointers, he delights in cold weather to stay in the house by the fire. Mr. W., also has several hounds, to which Ponto has great averaion. The other day while he was lying by the fire, one of the hounds came in to warm himself, which seemed to give offence to Ponto, upon which he deliberately walked out of doors, but soon returned with a switch and laid it on the hearth. He was asked what he brought it in for? He could not speak but looked at the bound and growled, as if he had said, I want you to whip that dog

If any one doubts the above, let them nquire of Mr. W.

best clothes, had I not better go in my common dress, than loose the benefit of Young men what do you intend to behis children baptised. When he got to the minister's house he was asked how many commandments there were:

> He replied, twenty. Go away, go away, said the minister, you must learn your questions before you come to get your children baptised. As the collier was going down the avenue leading from the minister's house, he met a fellow miner going on the same Well, said he, how many command-

> ments are there? Oh! you needna gang up there wi' ten, I offered him twenty, and he wadna

> A parishioner inquired of his paster he meaning of this line of Scripture ;

vine, "that the individual had got a habit of swearing."

A GOOD JOKE ABOUT A KANSAS PREACHER .- Among the lions at the Black Republican Convention, held at Concord, N. H., on Tuesday last, was that he received a drubbing for his pains. He is a sharp chap, with a keen to an anecdote we heard of him. He was formerly a preacher in Maine, and proclamation for a Fast, in which it was recommended to the people to suspend places of worship. Having finished reading the document, he gave notice that there would be no services in his church on the approaching Fast Day, and then requested the welll-disposed among his congregation to meet at a certain place on that day, and assist him in removing a building which was intended for his future residence.

RAILROAD PRESIDENT ELECTED .-Mr. Wm. Johnston, of Charlotte, N. C., has been elected President of the Charlotte and South Carolina Railroad, in place of Mr. Palmer, the former President, who declines a re-election.