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# Poetry.

From the New York Observer. A Sainted Wife.

"Weep, ye hereaved, a dearer head, Ne'er left the pillowing breast ; The good, the pure, the lovely fled, When mingling with the shadowy dead, She meekly went to rest."

Another hand is beckoning us, Another call is given ; And glows once more with angels' steps, The path which reaches heaven.

The blessing of her quict life Fell on us like the dow ;

Like fairy blossoms grew.

Sweet prompting unto kindest deeds Were in her very look; We read her face as one who reads, A true and holy book.

The measures of a blessed hymn, To which our hearts could move ; The breathing of an inward psalm, A canticle of love.

There seems a shadow on the day Her smile no longer cheers ; A dimness on the stars of night,

Like eyes that look through tears.

Alone unto our Father's will, One thought hath reconciled ; That He who love exceedeth ours, Has taken home His child.

Fold her, O Father ! in thine arms, And let her henceforth be A messenger of love, between Our human hearts and Thee.

Still let her mild rebuking stand Between us and the wrong, And her dear memory serve to make Our faith in goodness strong.

And grant that she who trembling here, Distrusted all her powers, May welcome to her holier home The well beloved of ours.

is practically repudiated by his own brethren. One would think, were it not for very evident proofs to the contrary in other places, that he holds the credit of his own understanding as cheap as he does that of all his opponents.

"IL (Page 170.) "Even if I found another command, enjoining the haptism of the infants of believers, I should not move an inch from my position. I should still say, this is not included in the apostolic commission. This is another commission, and cannot interfere with the former. There would then be two bap-tisms on quite different grounds." But if another Divine command would not bring And good thoughts where her footsteps infants within this commission, how should a mistake of the immerser, or a falsehood of the immersed, bring unbelievers within its terms ? If this reasoning be good, there are 'two baptisms on quite different grounds' in Baptist churches. But this argument is practically repudiated by the admission on the part of the Baptists of the sufficiency of the baptism of unbelievers, provided they themselves be the baptizers.

"III. (Page 170.) 'Not only does this commission exclude infants, if there were another commission enjoining the baptism of infants, when these infants who have been baptized in infancy, according to this second commission, believe the Gospel, they must be baptized according to the commission, Matt. xxviii: 19, without any regard to their baptism in infancy.' If infants, baptized on the supposed case of a Divine command, ought to be re-baptized in obedience to this commission, a fortiori, unbelievers having been baptized in opposition to such a command, ought to be rebaptized. But Baptists repudiate this argument.

"IV. (Page 170.) "The commission commands all men to be baptized on believing the Gospel. The command of Jesus to every believer to be baptized, stands engraven in indellible characters in this commission. Heaven and earth will pass believers to be baptized. It is impossible for any explanation, or any express command for another baptism, to excuse them from this.' But without any explanation "And when they had lifted up their eyes, they saw no man, save Jasus only." Matt. 17: S. or express command to excuse them, Bap-tists will not baptize, 'on believing the tists will not baptize, 'on believing the Gospel,' such persons as they have baptized in unbelief, although by excommunication they have treated the hypocrites as heathen men and publicans, and therefore they repudiate this argument. "V. (Page 171.) 'A command to believers to observe any ordinance whatever, can never imply any but believers. This is as clear as the light of heaven. It is a first truth. The denial of it implies a contradiction.' The Baptists deny it in recognizing the bantism of unbelievers on their conversion, and therefore contradict this first truth. "VI. (Page 172.) 'A colonel sends out his recruiting officers with instructions' to enlist men six feet high. 'Did not the instructions that mentioned six feet as the standard, forbid all under that measure to be enlisted?' 'Cease, Dr. Wardlaw, to pervert the word of the Lord-cease to force a commission enjoining the baptism of believers, to sanction the baptism of infiruts.' The obvious reply is, Cease, ye Baptists, to sanction the baptism of unbelievers, but re-baptize them on their belief. Your five feet eight inches of unbelief are no better than our eighteen inches of infanev Rev R. T. Heftin : Agreeably to pro-by the Gospel, but such as believe the Gos-"VII. (Page 173.) None can be saved extracts from the author before alluded to. pel; none can be baptized with the baptism of the Gospel, but such as believe the Gosthat the interpretation of the commission by Dr Carson was not consistent with its guments on this commission, as used by unbaptized ' with the baptism of the Gosthe Baptists against infant baptism, are pel'? Should God convert them, will he unsound. He next proceeds to show that re-baptize them? We repudiate the arguvoice, for we never re-baptize. "VIII. (Page 173.) 'That believers only can be baptized by this commission, is clear, from that into which they are said to be baptized.' But what becomes of the into' in the unbelievers' baptism, the validity of which Baptists acknowledge? "IX. (Page 253.) 'I would gainsay an angel who should say that this commission may extend to the baptism of any but believers.' The gainsayer of angels has sion. The inquiry is, if only believers, as believers. The gainsayer of angels has first to gainsay all the Baptist churches. "X. (Page 179.) "That commission "X. (Page 179.) "That commission commands believers to be baptized; and believers ought to be baptized, as he dis-tinetly maintains, why does he not baptize be true, it can never include unbelievers.' on a second profession in all such as have How does it include the unbelievers exbeen manifestly, or even on their own con-pelled from Baptist churches as false prohe has not the opportunity, I then appeal "XI. (Page 179.) 'Were a thousand to the acknowledged principles and recog- baptisms found in the New Testament, nized practice of Baptist churches gene- they could not serve for the baptism of the. commission, nor relieve the believer from "1. (Page 169.) 'I will risk the credit his obligation of being baptized on the beof my understanding on my success in show-ing that, according to this commission, be-lievers only are to be baptized. It is im-possible that a command to baptize believpossible that a command to happene any but ers can be extended to include any but believers. We need not say that this can-"XII. (Page 235.) 'They may appear tisms found in the New Testament' could

waters of Tubbermore without danger of scheme of Dr. Carson has compelled him, impulsory beptism ? I am not sure, from in direct opposition to Scripture, to deny the structure of this passage, whether the author intended to apply this interrogation Ghost, not many days hence,' for that bapof the conscience merely to the remark of tism was only a catachresis-to deny that his opponent, or whether he offered it to the "fathers were haptised in the sea," for reply to his opponent, of course those re- that believers, not figuratively but really, marks on the fourteenth particular are in- have died with Christ and been buried applicable; that is, they are only applicable with him, so that 'there is no more figure so far as it is insinuated that our interpret- than when it is said, they shall die themation authorizes the use of force in exe- selves,' though Jesus was alive again long cuting the commission. before they were born, and they have never

"These are all the arguments I can find, been within many hundred miles of his deduced from the commission. The author tomb ; and, worst of all, in contradiction says of them in his Appendix, 'This is the of the whole Gospel, to assert, that our ground on which I have placed the subject blessed Lord confessed his sins unto rein my treatise. Many a lever has been pentance, at the baptizm of John. This employed to move off the foundation, but is to me 'another gospel; and rather than it remains like a rock lashed by the waves receive it, I would surrender the whole of the ocean." P. 260. This is some- doctrine of baptism. Jesus standing a what boastful language. If the rock be penitent, confessing his sins to John !-not subverted, the theory of the Pap- There is nothing so revolting in Popery on and a tear trickled down her cheek as she lives, but you see the office right down tists must be wrecked upon it. These the one hand, or in Unitarianism on the great guns of Dr. Carson are turned upon other. God in mercy protect the Baptist them as well as upon us; and upon churches from so dreadful a doctrine !"them with more effect than upon us .- Halley's Lectures on the Sacraments, Ap-On these principles, Simon Magus ought pendix to Lecture viii. Note B, vol. 1, pp. to have been commanded to repeat and be 610, 616.

re-baptised. Yet Baptists never command From the views brought to light in the convicted and converted false brethren to foregoing extracts, we are prepared to judge be re-baptised. That we may understand of this controversy on the subjects of bapthem, they ought to act a fair, candid and tism; as it is managed, both by Pedoconsistent part with these arguments .- | baptists and anti-pedo-baptist. The former Either let them honestly avow that they have evidently the advantage of the latter, adopt as a principle "believers baptism," as they keep close to the literal meaning, and therefore re-baptised false brethren, if both of the original and our authorized they know them, on their conversion, or version, in the interpretation of the great let them as distinctly repudiate in words, commission, which is the law of baptism. as they do in deeds, the arguments of Dr. This is clearly the case.

Carson founded upon his interpretation of 1. With regard to the commission itself. the commission. These arguments being Its literal interpretation, necessarily consurrendered, there will fall with them as cludes in favor of the right of infants equally opposed to the Baptist theory, to baptism. No quibbling can make it another class founded upon passages which appear, that, "all the nations" is a term in your breast, help us." The young lady of washing, and only wearing out Crane's away before it will cease to be a duty for are said to assert that only believers can which can be understood, (in its grammat- was excited. I have hardly ever seen a shirts, &c. Write to the boys and try and be baptised. The series begins on page ical and literal view) to exclude the infant 211. "From John iii, v, we see that bap- offspring of man. No such "nation" has tism is a figure of regeneration ; they who ever existed. Infants constitute an indisare baptised are represented as born again. pensable and integral part of every nation Now this is peculiar to believers ; the ordi- on the earth ; and we can conceive of none nance exhibits the person as at the time that can exist for any length of time, born again." If it does, it is often a false which shall exclude them from its arrangeexhibition, and always an exhibition of ments. The commission requires "the whose truth or falsehood the administrator nations" to be "baptized,' and nothing knows nothing. But when it is found to short of this, meets the principle of this be a mockery of truth, why is it still ac- commission. corded as a Christian ordinance? These It may, however, be objected, that the arguments, which, if good for anything, passage in Mark xvii. 15, 16, necessarily say to the Baptist minister, physician heal excludes infants, because there the comthyself-being excluded, the book in its mand is to baptize "believers only." To reduced and attenuated form will occasion this, I reply, 1st. This text does not conto neither party very much trouble. Unless tain a command at all; to "baptize" any our Bantist brethren adontise the princior disclaiming Dr. Carson's arguments, creature," and not "baptize believers," less plainly deny, that "none can be baptised still, baptize believers only. As the comwith the baptism of the Gosnel but such as mand applies only to the preaching, it folbelieve it;" we have a right to regard them lows conclusively, that baptism is left out as retreating from the crisis of the contro- of the command entirely. If, however, versy, the discharge of which directed the command for preaching, necessarily against us exposes the unfairness of the involves baptism too, then will it follow position which they have assumed. If that it reaches the case of infants with they will say of the one symbol in the in- unquestionable certainty, because it is a stance of unbelievers, this is not baptism, command comprehending "every creature. as we say in the other, this is not to eat But 2nd. I reply, that the verb in the the Lord's supper but only a mockery; we original in the AORIST, and every scholar can understand these arguments. If they knows that that always expresses past time, will not, it becomes them to answer Dr. and can never be "made to mean time sub-Carson, by proving that unbeliever's hap- sequent to a present action or duty. So tism is good Christian baptism, although it that he that "is baptised," (or more literdoes not "exhibit the person as at the time ally, "having been baptized,") can never born again," and "serves for the baptism mean, he that shall be, or is yet to be bapof the commission," better than "a thousand tized, "shall be saved." In this view, (and baptisms found in the New Testament." | it is the grammatical, therefore literal, and "To examine Dr. Carson's reference to consequently, the only true view,) this text the practice of the apostles, would be to in Mark, demonstrates the propriety of passed in the discussion of the lecture. time the subject is supjected anve youth In noticing one instance of his mode of Viewed in this light, infants come in as the explaining the historical references to bap- principal subjects of this ordinance. We tisir, I may select that which we have the learn, also, first occasion to consider on opening the | 2. That the interpretation of the com-New Testament. In reference to the crowds mission upon the principles of the Baptists, whom John baptised, I have said that he necessarily nullifies all baptisms adminisbaptised without discrimination, all appli- tered to adults, who at the time, were cants. Dr. Carson imposes a restriction, unbelievers or hypocrites, for, if none but which his system and his mode of inter- "believers" can be baptized; it follows inpretation both require. He speaks (p. 229) evitably, that the baptism of an unbeliever of "the persons whom John drove from or hypocrite is invalid, inasmuch as neither his baptism." He is often very angry has "faith" at the time the ordinance is with those who add anything to Scripture, administered. But, if their baptism is and I think, his virtuous indignation may valid, notwithstanding their unbelief, I be unsparingly indulged upon this extra- contend that the baptism of infants is ordinary assumption. The reader finding much more abundantly so, notwithstanding no information in his Bible, will probably their want of "faith," because 1 : They inquire who did John drive from his bap- have innocency, which the former have not. tism? The structure of the passage shows 2. They are in the justified state, (accordthat 'the scribes and pharisees and sad- ing to Rom. v. 12, 19,) which in the other ducees' are intended. Let us examine does not exist. 3. They are in or belong the fact, (Matt. iii, 7, ii.) 'But when he to the "kingdom of God," Luke xviii. 16, saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees which the others do not. 4. They have come to his baptism, he said to them, not forfeited their innocence by transgres-O generation of vipers, who hath warned sion, but the others have. 5. They are you to flee from the wrath to come?' Let therefore not in a condemned condition, the reader carefully observe, that John like the others. The adults, in every readdressed these words to unconverted Phar- spect, have positive, real and moral reasons isees and Sadducees, knowing them at the against them, but infants have none, theretime to be unconverted. Of all persons, fore. 6. Their right to baptism is better they would be the most disposed to abuse than the other. To get rid of the arguthe ordinance, because they were prone to ments, the Baptists, must both teach and lean upon external privileges. Think not practice re-baptism, in all cases of unbelief to say within yourselves, we have Abraham in *adults*, or they must admit the *validity* to our father.' Yet to them, John saith, of infant baptism, and consequently, adopt 'I indeed baptize you with water, unto Pedo-baptism as the only true practice. Yours affectionately. repentance.' Dr. Carson says, in plain PETER DOUB. contraduction of the text, that John drove them from his baptism. I reply, in his Normal College, April 17. own words, (p. 177,) 'no ground can be

re-baptized, this argument of the Doctor byterians and Episcopalians walk near the "In conclusion, we observe, that the thing he said to any of them was, "You that presses on me as I think of a man be- border. What though there be found in ought to go down to Fayetteville to see ing buried under such a load, and a man her midst no stupendors ments of sights." What sights he saw he has never who always served his country faith ally ancient art nor magnificent toolas of mo-revealed. So I say to you, Bro. Heflin, too. Republics are ungrateful. While I down skill? What though the acts of the you ought to come on here to see sights, was pondering this matter we ran across muse's footstep is but selder heard and? I shall not attempt to tell you all I have a bridge, and the next thing I saw was a bir growes and vales" Yet har soil is seen, but when I get back, if the crop is great wheel; I should think it was sixty consecreted by the Howled later and key in good order, I want to go down and get feet across, and it had great wings reachsupport his own interpretation of the com-mission, which he had previously sustained be the broad of vipers, for the supersection of the broad of vipers, for the supersection of the broad of vipers, for the supersection of the particulars. Once I white and blue; I thought instantly of useful arts of peace. In vanue we look for was called upon by a lady who said she Daniel's vision. Was it Daniel ? Where lovelier, richer, more sublime natural seemshad been appointed "matron" of our he says he saw wheels rolling over wheels, ry, than has been spread with lavish hand county; she was a young woman too, pret- &c. I turned to the agreeable stranger, ty good looking, and thought to be smart. and asked him, "What's that ?" " That's How she ever allowed herself to be mat- the wheel of government," said he. "Ah, ronized I never could understand. She indeed how glad I am to see it. I've heard assumed a very grave and matronly air, of it so many times, and people have prewhich did not sit very well on her, and dicted that it would stop so often I'm really approaching me, says she, "Father Gripe, I call on you this morning as the matron wheel?" For I remembered, you see, that of the Ladies' Mount Vernon Association." the people always spoke of "wheels." He "What's that ?" says I. "We have pointed it out to me just under the big formed an association of ladies all over the one, running the other way, "Where Union to raise funds to purchase Mount does Pierce stay?" says I. Then he point Vernon, the last resting place of the Father ted out a great white stone house about a of his country, the grave of Washington," mile off, and said, " there's where Pierce finished. "Ah, what's that !" says I, there near the wheel." Sure enough there "you want to buy land, do you, well now it was; but I think considering how imthat's clever ; I've got a fine tract of land portant it it is that the wheels of governmy 'Tryon place,' as we call it. I'm of- ment should be constantly watched and fering it very cheap, and as for graves, it kept greased, Pierce lives too far off, and provoment. The fact that no elupondories contains the graves of more than twenty I think I shall suggest to Congress to more men-celebrated men too, those men killed his house down a little nearer; in fact, by Major Williams; they belonged to the over near the Smithsonian Institute - guished the history of the State, only celebrated Tory corps of the British army ; When we got out at "the National," I you can have it for three dollars an acre," asked Crane if he had seen " the wheels Would you believe it, she turned right of government." He replied, 'no! but round, and says she, "Father Gripe, we I saw a big wind mill down there near the consider this a sacred mission to secure the canal !" Would you believe it, he thought tomb of Washington and the sacred bones it was a wind mill ! Crane has not paid of the very prophet of liberty from being me for the trunk yet; he's trying to get hawked about, set up to the highest bid- off with twenty dollars ; says I only valued der, Barnumised by some Yankee show- it at twenty dollars in Weldon, and now man, and the soil we venerate for its asso- want to make him pay fifty for it. I've ciations with the mighty dead, descerated offered to compromise for forty, but he says by the tread of a shilling-paying multitude. he'll get it yet. Well I hope he may; at rapid strides in internal in provements, in If there remains one spark of patriotism present I am saving something in the way

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over the face of our beloved State. Truly has she been called the Switzerland of America,

Whose rivers roll their liquid wealth Unequalled to the sen ; Whose hills and valleys bloom with health And green with verdure be-Whose mountain tops are berhed in cloud, While gushing from their side The cascade leaps with shunder band And swift-descending tida : Where science flings her resta Religion lifts her dome : These the endour the My ours, my matters ....

It is from a prost of the second second that Nerthill Sections in their than, Bhu Kip Van Wenl, . has fallen up to her, wel then seem littage have outstripped her in the race of itmotivation to of art, no gigrantic science of proves the characteristic modesty and has esty of her citizens. For while she has been steadily and with undring indust ? developing her vast rescaros, also has been prudently, cautionaly studying by the experience of others the surer, safer path to greatness and glory-preferring rather to do too little than to bequeath to posterity a bankrupt treasury and a repudiating ancestry. But whatever may be said of the past, it is evident from her education, commerce, trade and mechanical industry, and the attention paid to hittorical and literary pursuits, that North Carolina is now wide awake as to her tree glory, and that she is rapidly escending to that proud position among her sister States, to which she is entitled by her true worth, her sterling integrity and enterprising industry. Education has thrown open wide its portals to every chief in North Carolina and a kind inv. a extended ny instituto all, to come to her flosparklingtions and here bathe in ige. Beand healing fountains o hold our time honored "sity. An-Institution whose sons 1 - i med the bench and bar of almor-State in. the Confederacy, and ad i have to the Cabinets and Senate of our prious Union. While a score of kindred ations, for in various sections of th lispenso the blessings of intellec. it among her sons and daughter . .. Carolina with a generous liberali prected institutions to unscal the more of the deaf. to give speech to the dumb. to open the eyes of the blind, and through these instrumentalities many minds that have been shrouded in midnight darkney, have been brought to the light of knowledge and christian hope. She has also in homopleted a magnificant building for the reception and careful trentment of the itame, an institution pleasing to Goll, an about to the State and a lasting monument of the philanthropy and humanity of her citizens. And, however late in entering the rzce of internal improvements, North Carolina will not be the last in reaching the goal of an honorable fame. Railroads, plankroads, river improvements and other arteries of public life are windling through the State with great rapidity, and the the seaboard to the seaboard to the the oast and west. I have been by trop bands, shall units in the land hard hurrah, for the gentline and anonomial career of the product of the Within her this is famile facturing are not in and it may be said that the is direction of the South resources are invalculable. She ranks mext to California for gold, equals Pennsylvania in coal, and is tich in iron, copper, lead and all the elements necessary to constitute her a free, prosperous and independent State.

From the American Messenger.

#### Jesus Only.

Jesus only-Blessed Lord All my hopes hang on this word ; Here my soul reposes still, Here is safe from every ill.

Jesus only-not alone, Though my beloved ones are gone; He above all friends can bless, He can lighten my distress.

Jesus only-dark the cloud Hanging o'er mount Tabor proud ; Light from heaven filled the place, Jesus only showed his face.

Jesus only-this my cry When I lay me down to die : Jesus only, when I stand Justified at thy right hand,

Jesus only-when above I his full salvation prove-Evermore my blissful song Jesus only shall prolong.

### Cammunications.

#### For the N. C. Christian Advocate. Infant Baptism.

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mise, I shall in this No. give additional He showed in his views given in No. 1, by Dr. Carson was not consistent with its descors, whom Dr. our Baptist neighbors, as well as Dr. Carson, are not governed by their arguments in their practice, and that therefore they "virtually and practically repudiate" their own arguments. This is sufficiently indicated in the last paragraph of the extract I sent you in No. 1. I shall now proceed to give his full views on this point. He proceeds :

"It is no answer to say they baptize in the confidence of the truth of the profes-Dr. Carson repeatedly asserts; and if all believers ought to be baptized, as he disfession, baptized in unbelief? If he reply fessors?

rally. But let us hear his own arguments :

believers. We need not say that this can-not be done by inference; I say it cannot be done by the most express command or explanation. No command, no explana-tion, can bring unbelievers into the com-mission,\* that enjoins the baptism of be-lievers.' Dr. Carson is so fond of risking 'the credit of his understanding,' that he really starts it against the principle of the Bartists If 'believers only can be bap-Baptists. If 'believers only can be bap-tized,' unbelievers are not baptized accord-they who are baptized in they who are baptized in Surely, then, found in the passage for this conceit; no force can extract it from the words-it is

For the N. C. Christian Advocate.

matron so much so, but she was young in keep them true to their duty, but don't the business. "Shilling-paying multi- make any proposition to them about the tude," said I. "Then you want me to publishing fund. Calve don't know the give you a shilling, do you? here take it, value of money, and Abimileck has to and I hope everybody will be as liberal as support his family, providing for his house-I am."

hold, &c. Crane sends his love. I was sitting at dinner, when I heard Youn faithfully, PIOUS GRIPE. the bell that hangs up on the top of the boat ring. I asked Crane what that meant.

For the N. C. Christian Advocate. So I bolted the rest of my dinner, and ran GREENSBORO' FEMALE COLLEGE.

North Carolina Awake.

BY MISS ADA S. ALEXANDER,

Of Mecklenburg, N. C.

out to see the mountain. I was sadly dis- To write a good composition is evidence appointed; there was a hill on the west of mental culture. The compositions read ide of the river and a kind of two-story double church looking house on top of it ; by the graduating class of Greenshoro' Fethat is, the steeple was right in the mid- male College, at the Commencement, on dle-two or three out buildings were scat- last Friday, were all well written, and jates About and the runaing ouen where Alma Mater. With some difficulty, we river a little, which I supposed was built for a fishing place, from which I drew the obtained permission to select one of these very natural conclusion that Gen. Wash- compositions, for the Advocate, and have ington was a great fisherman. Crane said availed ourself of the privilege, to present it was a wharf for the steamboats, but as the following as a fair specimen, in literary our boat did not stop there I concluded he was mistaken. I went to the front of the boat and mingled with the passengers .--- so much because of intrinsic literary supe-Where's the grave ?" says one, and the riority over others, as because the writer questioned individual pointed with his was fortunate in the selection of a theme finger at a cedar that stood on the north which must wake a responsive chord in the side of the house, "that's it," says he, "right under that cedar." I walked off to the back end of the boat, where another the spirit which placed old Mecklenburg crowd was assembled and a little Dutch- in the van of the Revolution .- EDITOR.

man was pointing out the grave of "Washington," as he called it. He said, "dar under dat cedar to de sout, dare where he be." What is the truth about the matter ?

He said we were passing Mount Vernon.

The American says north and the Dutch- Amid the constellations of States which man "sout." One conclusion I came to form our glorious Union, there is one to was that the land was very poor, and if the which the true patriot and lover of his counladias want land mina is hatton month throng to words which I was informed the dear silly crea- liberty was first kindled, and the soil which tures, (with hearts in the right place, first spurned the foot of the invader. That however) were willing to give. I intend State is NORTH CAROLINA-a State which to see Miss Matron, and tell her what poor yielded brave sons and daughters to the land it is. As we gradually approached cause of liberty and independence-a State Washington I became intensely watchful, which, thirteen months prior to the proto get the first view of the capitol of this mulgation of the Federal Declaration, on great nation. I had it all spread out in the heights of old Mecklenburg, first promy mind, and gazed upon it in imagina- claimed herself free, sovereign and indetion frequently. I thought of Rome, "the pendent, and staking the "lives, the formistress of the world ;" of Paris, with her tunes and the sacred honor" of her citimonuments of mighty deeds of valor and zens upon the issue, proudly absolved herof wonder; of London, the dwelling place self from all allegiance to the British crown; and grave of a long line of kings and a State within whose bosom the first deciqueens. I thought our land so much in sive victory of the Revolution was fought advance of the countries over the water, and won-when, at Moore's Creek, her that our capitol would combine the gran- brave sons bid defiance to their oppressors, deur of all, but alas ! how I was disap- and gained for the American arms the pointed-the boat came up to what Crane prestige of invincibility, and ceasing not insists was a wharf, under a mud bank ; in her struggles for freedom until right we got out and entered one of those "om- conquered, she forced her last oppressor nibuses," as he calls them, the horses sullenly to retire; a State, whose councils groaned under the load as we gradually have been distinguished by the learning of ascended the bank and rolled along through Harnett, the eloquence and powerful reaa thinly settled village. I looked out but soning of Iredell, the fervor of Burke, and there was nothing to be seen. Presently the patriotic impulses of Johnston and one of the passengers said, "there's the Caswell. Whilst her valor has been exem-Smithsonian Institute." I looked and saw plified in the field by the gallant deeds of the oddest shaped house I ever beheld in Howe, the strategy of Moore, the daring my life. "What do they teach there ?" I of Lillington, the bravery of Nash, and asked of a very agreeable gendeman who the intrepid bearing of her Davidson, Grasat near me. "Architecture, and the ham, and a host of others whose names house is built to illustrate all the styles will live in song and story, while the spirit from Noah down to the present time !" It of patriotism finds a home in the hearts of is so much easier to teach by illustration ; her sons and daughters. Even yonder for instance, there is the Anglo-Dormic, battle-field attests the invincibility of North and the Franco-Creek, &c., &c.;" he enu- Carolina arms-where Green, with raw remerated seven or eight styles of architec- cruits, turned book the tide of defeat and ture, and pointed them all out in the buil- oppression that was overrunning the entire ding. I saw at once the benefit of such a Southern States, and caused that eminent

permanent, life-size model, and felt pleased. British statesman, Fox, to declare in Par-

Such is our beloved North Carolina, a land of good morals and steady habits, a land of historic renown, a land consecuted by memories as endearing as time and as glorious as the stars of heaven.

THINKING ALOUD .- Old Col. Tom S. of the Infantry, a very large, burly, red-faced gentleman, with a snow-white head and a voice like a bass trombone, has an unfortunate hab.: of thinking out loud. While statione'i temporarily in Washington, the old gentleman one Sunday morning took it into his head to go to church, where he took a seatin a pew beneath the pulpis and, prayerbook in hand, attentively "owed the clergyman through the . . It happened to be the 17th day as month; but in giving out the for the day, the Rev. Mr. P. : mistake and announced-"The bill day of the month, morning pro r, beginning at the 79th Psalm." When to the astonishment of the congregation, Old Col. Tom in the pew but - is a deep bass voice thought aloud - The 17th clergyman immediately - 1 himself-"Ahl the 17th day ..... me month, assembly was immediately disturbed by another thought from Old Tom, who in the same deep tone remarked, "Had

\*Are infants "unbelievers," and therefore excluded from baptism? If they are not "unbelievers," then are they not beyond the baptized. Our Saviour intimated that the infants which he blessed did "believe;" they must therefore be baptized according to Dr. Carson's rule.—P. D.]

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tized,' unbelievers are not baptized accord-ing to this commission, although immersed in his baptized, why are not those ought to be baptized, why are not those persons who have been immersed in unbe-lief, re-paptized on conversion? The ar-gument applies as directly to them as it does to infants. But as it is a principle with the Baptizets that they are not to be unto' them, that is to the brood of vipers, I baptize you.' In accordance with Dr. gin to think. Somebody said "there are more things than were ever dreamed of

Presently he exclaimed, "there's the liament that another such victory as that Washington Monument." I looked; they which the British claimed at Guilford had built a square house out of white Court House would not only result in the stone, at least ten stories high, and hardly defeat of their army, but in the loss of the a window in it; there did not seem to be brightest gem that adorned the British any use in it at all. I examined it closely, crown. Then let it be, as it is the boasted and tried to think what use could be made pride of her sons, and daughters too, that of it. It would'nt do to live in, it is unfit their lots have been cast in the old North for a barn, it would make a good smoke State-God bless her !--- a State that chehouse, but how to get the meat up so high rishes a sacred regard for our glorious I could not see. I asked my friend what Union, a Union cemented by the blood of it was for; he said they were going to put her noblest sons, and by which she will Gen. Washington's remains in it. Ishould stand erect, with her spirit unbroken and hate to be buried under such a pile of stone; her face to the foreign or domestic foe, as I want to go to heaven when the resurrec- unyielding in her attachment as her native tion comes, but, but-I'll say no more granite hills, and as firm in her devotion him there!" He had, certainly, and about that; I can't express the weight as the mountains that skirt her western the congregation also.