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COMMITTEE OF MINISTERS

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| From the Spirit of tive Age. <br> Mr. Eipros:- Io the fall of 1852 the St Lonis Repablicon offered a premium of fifty dollars for the bert poem ou the "clone of the year." | Jtistrlautuls. |
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| About one hundred were sent in, but the |  |
| premiam wew awardel to sies io tirt Garprith, for the following it is like mist: |  |
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| That restu apon the dim and sieeping eseth, |  |
| Upon tho winds, the woods, the waves, the |  |
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| atreams: |  |
| thid doep dreams, |  |
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| Opon the still earth like a pall; the hillsAnd mountains stand like mourners; the |  |
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| Lesfess and solemn, bend their tops like plumen |  |
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| Above the bier; and lo! a countless throng Of wan and ghostly phantoms seem |  |
| From the dim realm of shadows, to convey The OId Year to his burial. |  |
| Me is gone <br> He breathed no sigh or groan in his death- <br> hour, |  |
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| the shades <br> Of yoars that passed before him. One |  |
| Bright withour smilos nod bitter with our |  |
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| A wave that has refleeted star and cloud, a bluesky, and the tempest's wrath, ilost |  |
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| In the great ocean of Eternity,Whose dark and dread and shoreless waters |  |
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| The wrecks of empires and the wrecks of Fromevorys <br> From evory eye but God's. |  |
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| And crimest tears are swelling in our stricken | themselves gentlemen; some from the |
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| Vain tears, alas how rain! And see! beside |  |
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| At one year's burist mand another's birth, <br> Uare na this barrow isthmus in the een |  |
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| large congregation in one of the South.ern States on the certuinty of fature |  |
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| jouigment. In the gallory sat a colored girl, with a white child in ber arms, |  |
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| noise of the imfant; and at the rightpoint in bis discourse, threw himself into an interesting attitude, as though he |  |
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| had sudenly heand the frst note of the |  |
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| that part of the church rhere the girl |  |
| with the baby in her arms was sitting he asked in a low, deep voice : |  |
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| Before he recovered from the orator ical pause, so as to answer his own question, the colored girl responded ina mortified tone of voice, bit lond$\qquad$ |  |
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| enough to catch the ears of the entire congregation :'Don'no, sa; I 'spec' it is dis here |  |
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| chile; but, indeed, sa, I has Been a doin all I could to keep him from 'starbin' you. |  |
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| It is easy to imagine that this unexpected rejoinder took the tragic out of |  |
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| pece precherer in the stortest tine imag inable; and that the solemnity of that |  |
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| Another instance, equally confound- |  |
| ing to the minister, Mappened, we $A$ large con-lieve, in Riehmond, Va |  |
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| stranger of some notoriety. Soon after he bad introduced his subject, the ery <br> of - fire! fire! in the street very much |  |
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| were about to retire, when an elderly lay brother rose and said: |  |
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| ed, I will step out and see if there is <br> any fire near, and report. <br> The congregation became composed, | Tormal Colle |
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| and the minisere proceeded. Tasking |  |
| advantage of the occurrence, he calledattention ta a fire that mould consume |  |
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