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The Seed

Tanharan'r ol med a seed-And cared for what he had need The might came with his dew-The coel and ellent dew: The dawn came, and the day, and the larmer worked away at inters not a few.

Home from his work one day the glowing summer dayhabel burst in bloom that very hour; Har I cannot say .

But I knew if the smallest send to the soil of fore be cast. Both day and night will de their part. And he sawe, who works with a trusting

Will find the flower at last. -Home Guardian.

Communicated.

For he Advocate Shelby District Conference.

The Shelly District Conference met in the Methodist Church in the town of Lincoluton, N.C., at 9 o'clock, A. M., July 23rd, 1874.

Dr. L. S. Burkhead, Presiding Eldet of the District, presided. B. F. Dixon was elected Secretary

The attendance of ministers and laymen was unusually good. Verbal reports upon the various in-

terests of the church were made by the pastors of circuits and stations within the bounds of the District .-The spiritual condition of the church was reported as improving; the depassion in monetary matters, from which the country has been suffering for some time past, has somewhat affected the financial interests of the charch New houses of worship have b has been blossed in several of the charges with a gracious outpouring of the Divine Spirit.

Special committees were appointed on the following subjects, viz: "Our Conference Colleges," the "Diffusion of Religious Literature," Camp Meetings, and "The Widows and Orphans Benefit Society.

The sessions of the Conference were pleasant, and the discussions on the various interests of the church har-

The various services held were in teresting and instructive. The open ing sermon was preached by Rev. S Leard of Rutherfordton, and the Mathedist, Presbyterian and Baptist pulpits were filled by members of the Conference, and the preaching was practical and pointed, and was listened to with the closest attention and greatest pleasure by the large congre gations that attended the preaching of

A Sunday school mass-meeting was held in the Methodist Church on Sabbath afternoon, and notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather, there was a large congregation present. Rev. Mr. Johnston, pastor of the Presbyterian Church in Lincolnton, and several members of the Con ference addressed the meeting.

The good people of Lincolnton will long be remembered by the members of the Conference for the elegant hospitality and kind treatment which were extended on the occasion.

The following reports were adopt Ruleigh Christian Advocate RIPORT ON CONFERENCE COLLEGES.

following:

enport F. College we recognize the three leading educational enterprises

of our church in North Carolina, and our sympathy, co-operation and sup-Resided 2nd, That we look upon Davenport F. College as more espe-

ially ours, located as it is within our listrict, neculiarly a lapted, in many people, and that, as such, we ought support than any other District. Whereas, we believe the interests of

the Methodist Church in N. C. de mand that we shall have at least one first class Male College. And whereas, Trinity College has

long been accepted and recognized as the only male College in N. C. under the control of the Conference. And whereas this Institution has

Almost, through its entire history encountered more or less opposition un der various flimsy pretenses which has greatly impeded its progress and hindered its prosperity.

any justifiable reason for this opposihone. Therefore

means, patronage and influence.

Resolved 2, That we utterly disapprove and condemn all efforts either covert or open, on the part of disaf-

feeted parties, by aspersions and inuendoes, to disparage the institution and thereby divert both patronage and resources to other institutions beyond our bounds which we are under no obligation to sustain.

Resolved, 3, That it is the duty of every person, officially connected with Trinity College, who cannot heartily sustain the institution to dissolve that connection. W. M. ROBEY.

(Signed)

Samuel LEARD. L. J. HOYLE. REPORT ON BENEFIT SOCITY.

The Committee to whom was referred the papers in reference to "The Widows and Orphans Benefit Society of the N. C. Conference," have matured the points of interest presented endorse the plan and purpose of said society, and recommend the co-operation of this District Conference in carrying out the noble ends therein proposed.

The Committee would therefore propose for adoption the following Resolution:

Resolved That each Pastor select the name of some proper person in his pastoral charge and forward the same as a suitable corresponding secretary to co-operate with T. C. Williams. (Signed) John W. North, Chm.

Delegates to the next annual Conference: Capt M. V. Moore, of Lenoir; M. O. Shervill, of Newton; Dr. J. W. Tracy, of Kings Mountain, and L. J. Hoyle, of South Fork.

B. F. Dixon and J. A. Claywell, Alternates. Shelby was selected as the place for holding the next District Confer-

ence. The following resolution were unmimously a lopted:

Resolved 1st, That the thanks of this body are due and are hereby been erected in several localities, and colnton for the bounteous and elegant hospitality extended to the members of the conterence in throwing open their doors for our entertainment.

2nd, That our thanks be tendered to the Pastors of the Presbyterian and Baptist churches for the use of their pulpits during our Session-also to hose Railroad officials on whose roads delegates traveled for half fare. B. F. Dixon.

REPORT ON BOOKS AND PRRIODICALS.

lowing report. s fraught with vital importance. In knowledge will be the vigor of faith, the cheerfulness of hope, the ardor of great success. love, the depth of reverence and the steadiness of obedience.

The fruitful tree of piety is planted in, and draws its nourishment from, the soil of religious knowedge. Good books put in circulation are perpetual and shining lights, guiding the way-God. The religious press is a lever greater than that of Archimedes, lifting the world from the dark valleys of

ignorance and oppressive superstition, up into the healthy and luminous plains the facts we recommend that our books over the land.

The "Raleigh Christian Advocate," so ably edited and successfully conducted by Rev. J. B. Bobbitt, claims our first and chief attention. It is North Carolinian in locality, large and ed and ordered to be published in the beautiful in typography, Methodistic in doctrinal matters, cheap in price, full of choice and instructive articles. The special committee to whom was It keeps abreast with the first class referred the subject of our institutions papers of its kind in diffusing intelliof learning, beg leave to submit the gence, wholesome literature, and the instruction needed by our people in Resolved 1st, That in Trinity Col- order to be informed on all religious lege, Greensboro F. College and Da-movements of the age. Therefore Resolved, That we cordially commend the "Raleigh Christian Advo-

este" to all our people and that we hat these institutions claim equally make renewed efforts to put a copy in every Methodist family in our char-Your committee also call special at tention to our Nashville publications These books are our standard works respects, to meet the wants of our and ought to be widely circulated. We are gratified to learn' that about o give it a more hearty and cordial 56 of our preachers have redeemed the Conference promise to purchase \$100,00 worth of these books. The circulation of our books has vastly in creased during the last year in our bounds. This is a noble and useful work and enables the preachers to largely augment their usefulness and confer

lasting benefits on the purchasers. We recommend the "Nashville Advocate" and the Sunday School papers, as being first class papers of their kind and deserve to be extensively and their families. circulated among our people. We also recommend a sermon just published by Rev. Dr. Burkhead, our State of the Conference. Carried. L. follows: And whereas we have failed to see Presiding Elder. This sermon is Branson, B. York, S. Pool, Committion, and believe that there exists discourse on the importance and moral of obligation of our people to provide a Resolved, 1st. That we stand by competent support for the Itinerant and sustain Trinity College as an en- ministers who spend their all in servrprise worthy of our Church and ing them. We trust the preachers, onference, and that we will do all we will procure this sermon and scatter the to promote its prosperity, both in it broadcast among the people We

RALEIGH, N. C., WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12, 1874.

For the Advocate. Minutes of N. C. Local Ministers' Confer-

> ence-(CONTINUED)

T. A. Dorsey, Deacon; Morganton, Morganton circuit, has had 2 regular and approved. appointments, has preached 30 sermons, has delivered 2 Sunday school baptized 25 persons, received 10 mem

some work for the Master. J. F. Roberts, Deacon, Laurel Branch, Blue Ridge Mission, had regular appointments, preached 50 sermons, delivered 2 Sunday school in the same, and do most heartily lectures, has organized 1 Sunday ner was approved. school, conducted ten prayer meet-

> Isaac N. Mann, Licentiate: Belle voir, Chapel Hill and Haw River Cirhas preached 36 sermons, has one apthere is no church—has good congre- regular pastors. gations, and a Sunday school.

L. Branson, Elder, Raleigh, Eden ton Street Station, has 2 appointments each month, has preached 23 sermons, the financial Sec, at Warrenton, N. C. held 5 prayer meetings, delivered 1 Sunday school lecture, attended The following persons were elected Quarterly Conferences, married 4 ance. couples, baptized 2 persons, held 1 communion meeting, has done all he preach at night. could in the temperance cause.

W. P. Williams, Licentiate; Davidson College, Mt. Zion circuit, has does all he can for the Redeemer's proved.

Damon G. Meekins, Deacon; Kennekeet, Hatteras circuit, has preached 45 sermons, delivered 20 Sunday ference. school lectures, has organized 5 Sabhas labored with the regular pastor.

H. S. Scarboro, Licentiate; Kennekeet, Hatteras circuit, has preached cussion of plans for increased useful-40 sermons, delivered 25 Sunday ness. school lectures, organized 5 Sabbath labored with his pastor.

J. A. Reagan, Elder; Weaverville, terly Conferences, to apply to appli-Your committee on the diffusion of appointments, has preached 25 ser- tee, R. L. Abernethy, B. York, Solo aries of the Pastors, and in the adop-Religious Literature submit the fol- mons, delivered 4 Sunday school loc- mon Lea. proportion to the extent of religious the church, is President of Weaver of ministers returned from the itiner-

Jas. B. Ballard, Elder; Troy, Pee 1875. Dee Circuit, usually has 3 appointments, cannot preach regularly on and adopted as follows: account of age and infirmity.

Miles P. Owen, Elder; Clinton, Clinton circuit, has had 2 regular ap- leave to report the following: pointments, preached 44 sermons, de-3 months of the year.

old and cannot preach much-still means to drive it from the world.and periodicals be broadly circulated loves to do what he can, is cheerful We therefore offer the following resand confident in Christ.

2 P. M.—The Conference met pursuant to adjournment. R. L. Aber nethy in the chair. Divine services as Local Ministers of the M. E. were had by P. H. Joyner. The minutes were read and approved.

postponed for half an hour. A discussion was had as status of our members. P. H. Jovner, B. York and others made prudent enness, and consequently a sin; there and valuable suggestions, all tending to a closer union of Pastors and itin- warn their congregations against it, Conference, were eminently cordial erants. All agree that the Discipline and teach them that the only safety harmonious and spiritual. The morngives explicit instruction for our conduct as Local Ministers, and ought to be observed by our members.

Rev. Geo. B. Wetmore and Rev. P. troduced to the Conference...

Andrews reported by letter.

ing as follows: P. H. JOYNER, Pres. R. L. ABERNATHY,) Vice Pres. J. B. BALLARD, SOLOMON POOL

L. Branson, Sec. and Tress. On motion of P. H. Joyner it was nually in each congregation for the ability, sustain that action. benefit of destitute Local Ministers

L. Branson moved that the chair appoint a committee of three on the

journed to 9 o'clock to morrow.

SATURDAY, 9 A. M.

The Conference met pursuant to adjournment. R. L. Abernethy in the chair. Rev. Geo. B. Wetmore of the Episcopal Church opened with divine services. Minutes were read

Moved by R. H. Whitaker to strike out, amend P. H. Jovner's resolution lectures, conducted 8 prayer meetings, of yesterday; passed so as to read, Resolved, That each Local preacher bers into the church: he is now in his be requested to take up a collection 70th year, and is still trying to do annually in each congregation for the receive such advice and co-operation benefit of the Local Conference, as indicated in the 4th Article of our Con-

> The Treasurer's report was presented, and on motion of P. H. Joy

A general discussion was entered into in reference to plans of increased usefulness. All were agreed as to the necessity of a high degree of attaincuit, has had 2 regular appointments, ment, the essential missionary char actor of Local men, and the imporpointment at a cotton factory, when tames of harmonious action with the On motion the Conference adjourn-

ed to 2 P. M.

R. H. Whitaker delivered an offective temperance address, followed by Rev. Geo. B. Welmore, President of State Council of Friends of Temper-P. H. Joyner was announced to

2 P. M. SATURDAY.

The Conference re-assembled at the preached 26 sermons, organized 1 hour appointed. Thos. Reagan open Sunday school, has many calls to ed the session with reading and preach and lecture at various points; prayer. Minutes were read and ap-

> On motion, it was resolved that the newly elected officers be installed at the last business meeting of each Con-

tendered to the citizens of Lin- bath schools, held 25 prayer meetings, Conference, was introduced to the sions. received 2 members into the church- Conference, and made a feeling ad dress to the members. The Conference resumed the dis-

> R. L. Abernethy moved that a com schools, held 25 prayer meetings-has mittee of three be appointed to recom- the working force of that great and mend a course of study to the Quar- good cause.

Asheville circuit, has had 2 regular cants for license. Carried. Commit-

Report on Temperance presented

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

The evils of intemperance are so ward steps of a strayed world back to livered 1 Sunday school lecture, re- numerous, and so flagrantly opposed the District, kept and maintained by ceived 7 members into the church, to Christianity, we deem it hardly Methodist teachers, while there are baptized 2 persons, filled circuit work | necessary for us to make any argument | schools of other Denominations, large against it; but as ministers of the ly supported by the patronage of our Wilson Atwater, Elder; Snipes cause of Christ it does become our people. Store, C. & Haw River circuit, has duty to denounce sin in all its forms. of Christian civilization. In view of had 2 regular appointments, is very and to make use of every legitimate Periodicals, was well worded, and olutions for the consideration and ac-

> tion of the Conference: Resolved, That in the liquor traffic we recognize a fee to Christ, and that Church, South, in North Carolina, in Conference assembled, we do covenant On motion, the special order was with each other to use our best en-

deavors to put it down. Resolved, That we believe moderate drinking to be the nursery of drunk fore we would have our preachers the use of all intoxicating beverages. pleasure and thankfulness the valuable and spiritually profitable. H. Dalton, visitors, were formally in- aid which the various Temperance

orders of the land have afforded the and doctrinal; more than usually, rich Turner M. Jones, D. D., and F. B. church and ministry in their warfare in experimental preaching, and proagainst the sin of intemperance, and motive of a fervent spirituaitly. It The order of business for the elec- do heartily recommend that our was decidedly Methodistic, and left tion of officers was announced, and preachers be encouraged to co-operate many good impressions among the the annual election was held, result- with these orders wherever and when- people. Never before have we heard

cordially endorse the action of the preaching at a District Conference. recent General Conference of the M. Our Presiding Elder, Rev. Jessie S. resolved that each local preacher be intoxicating liquors as a beverage," larly of his colaborers and the Lay requested to take up a collection an- and that we will, to the extent of our Delegates. His urbane manners, and S. D. FRANKLIN, Com

R. H. WHITAKER, ence reported, which was adopted as ference.

Conference report the interest in ment of the Conference. Our Lu- with his footsteps the heavenly Eden. sends it down again. So there is a occasional and needful relaxation, but On motion, S. Pool, B. York and S.
D. Franklin were appointed a Committee on Education.
On motion, the Conference admitted the interest in

been manifested by them.

from the convocations and labors of this Conference. We respectfully recommend the following:

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to wait on Bishop Marvin at the next meeting of our Annual Conference, and lay before the Conference, through him, a succinct statement of our operations, at the same time signifying a willingness to as may be conducive to the prosperity of the Local Conference, and the highest development of its individual

B. YORK, B. York, Solomon Pool, Com. L. Branson, L. Branson, R. H. Whitaker and Solomon Pool were appointed a com-

(To be Concluded.) Charlotte District Conference

This Conference convened in this place, on the 23rd inst., and was open ed with interesting religious services, conducted by the Presiding Elder, Rev. Jessie T. Nelson, Rev. M. V. Sherrill of Monroe Station, presched the opening sermon on the evening previous. Nearly 50 members of the Conference were in attendance. J. P. Simpson, was reelected Secretary, and Rev. W. S. Rone, Assistant.

The reports from the several charges were interesting and edifying and represented the church (generally) in the District, in a healthy spiritual condition, and giving evidence of a cheering religious progress.

The missionary spirit was largely prevalent among both Preachers and Laymen; and the subject was well considered, and earnestly advocated. More interest than formerly, was felt Dugan C. Johnson, of the N. C. and manifested in the success of mis-

The Sunday School was reported increasingly prosperous in almost every charge. There has been great improvement in the mode of conduct ing them, and a large accession from the elder members of our Church, to

The financial exhibit of the District shows some improvement in the Saltion and practical working of some tures, organized 2 Sunday schools, On motion, P. H. Joyner, Solomon more effective measures to assure The diffusion of religious knowledge held 2 prayer meetings, baptized 40 Pool and L. Branson were appointed their payment. Contributions to persons, received 20 members into to draw up a memorial on the subject church purposes and for Parsonages have been encouragingly liberal. Some ville College-desires the Conference ancy to the localcy, said memorial to of our charges have paid one half and be presented at the annual meeting of one charge, \$ of their assessments. This is encouraging.

The subject of education generally, was under the direction of an able committee, which reported a large The Committee on Temperance beg deficiency, an almost criminal neg lect among our people on that question. There are but few schools in

> The report of the committee or evinced purpose and spirit, respecting our church papers, especially our own, the Raleigh Christian Advocate; concerning which the following resolu tion was unanimously passed:

Resolved, That while we rejoice the present prosperity of the Raleigh Christian Advocate, we will continue to exert ourselves in its behalf, by bringing is to the notice and urging ther's keeper!" its claims upon every family in our

several chaarges. The business of the paper was carefully looked after by special appoint-

ment of the Conference. The services and sessions of the consists in totally abstaining from ing prayer meeting from 8 to 9 o'clock was a most happy prelude to the after Resolved, That we recognize with services of the day-was well attended

The Pulpit was vigorous, spiritual so much spoken by ministers and Resolved, That we do heartily and Laymen, of the spiritual power of the

E. Church, South, in making it an ac. Nelson, won the good opinion and tionable offense against the church for elicited the kind regards and affecmembers to "make, buy, sell or use tion of the people generally, particuzeal and devotion to his master's work, and the interest of our church, made him the efficient, acceptable and suc-Committee on State of the Confer- cessful conductor of our District Con-

sults will be witnessed in a few years attention, and provokes much of zeal has given the tree. When he plies that mould nations, that form kingand devotion on the part of our mem- his mechanical means so as to divide doms, that overthrow empires, that bership. A more affectionate, united, the tree as God has given its growth, burst manacles, that change savages laborious and effective fraternity of then he triumphs easily. Man erects into civilized beings, and civilized ministers, we have never mingled with. his machinery, but his power is as beings into saints can such ideas be Brotherly love prevails sweetly and God gives that fall of water; he works lost? can thoughts perish? universally.

ordinary. There was great joy and as he takes hold of God's laws. Man breath of God, and it is to go on with assured peace present with God's min- calls them Nature's laws. Nature! its power permeating the universe isters, as several, with great fervor What is nature? God manifesting and dominating matter, and it will narrated their experiences of the Divine Presence at the District Confer- writing his will on creation. I turn you cannot crush the human thought. hold how good and how pleasant it is are but-if I may use the phrase with for brethren to dwell together in reverence-the solidification of God's

Jas. P. Simpson, Sect'y. Mount Pleasant, July 29 1874.

Selections.

[From the N. Y, Methodist.] Posthumous Influence.

A SERMON BY BISHOP SIMPSON. (Continue i from last week.)

And by it he, being dead, yet speaketh."

Abel tells us it is man's duty to sion Cain may have remonstrated with so in the intellectual world he must Abel against his offering, against his follow the laws of thought; in the mode of worship, making some threat | moral world he must follow the laws right reproves the doing wrong, Why God's purposes, he has success; b the history all through the world. laws. The martyr spirits were hurried out Now, the man who studies what is faithfully. Cain was the elder brother, over the lands around him. and Cain was angry when Abel's sac-

the door. You have the lamb; bring its angels and men, and if I can fill in

Now, even that shed blood tells it is not only manly to do right, but it is safe to do right. What is life here compared with life above? Suppose life does close a few days earlier does not the life above more than compensate? Cares Abel now, fancy you, that he left earth a few days earlier than disease, or accident, or age would have carried him away? Was he sad when shining in the courts of glory that he left a world cursed with thorns and thistles? It is not so much to live long as to live well; not so much to spend many days as to spend the days we have aright; not so much to live for the fame and wealth and applause of this world as to live for able to step to the platform of glory.

And now, from the consideration of this subject, we are prepared to say of the wood, they remain. Water was ten years ago, it should have our that true success, true glory, can only be found in working in harmony with all around us, but it gathers yonder sen summer game of those who spend God's commands. God has purposes, in clouds, comes down to earth, forms their winters in the tavern and round on earth; eternal wisdom has its plans. the river, runs to the sea, and returns the card table, we do not mince words Those purposes will be consummate d; mysteriously back again to the clouds, in characterizing it. The frequenters Men may delay them, but never defeat elevated to form a perpetual motion. of the professional matches—and the them. All the powers of darkness Man cannot make the perpetual mog whole interest of the game has grad-The people of Mount Pleasant were plans. The enemy may mar, destroy the little interstices of air, then com- character—are found to be regular The Committee on State of the kind and hospitable in their entertain- the earthly Eden, but he cannot soil bines it with the clouds, and then frequenters. It is not a question of services conducted by Revs Betts and umphs when in harmony with the God gave it form, And if matter through the same cause, for no youth laws God has made. The man may cannot be lost, should thought be lost? can keep "up" in the game and at the The Committee on Divine Services announced R. L. Abernethy to preach at night.

I aws God has made. The man may cannot be lost, should thought be lost? I aws God has made. The man may cannot be lost, should thought be lost? I aws God has made. The man may cannot be lost, should thought be lost? I aws God has made. The man may cannot be lost, should thought be lost? I aws God has made. The man may cannot be lost, should thought be lost? I aws God has made. The man may cannot be lost, should thought be lost? I aws God has made. The man may cannot be lost, should thought be lost? I aws God has made. The man may cannot be lost, should thought be lost? I aws God has made. The man may cannot be lost, should thought be lost? I aws God has made. The man may cannot be lost, should thought be lost? I aws God has made. The man may cannot be lost, should thought be lost? I aws God has made. The man may cannot be lost, should thought be lost? I aws God has made. The man may cannot be lost, should thought be lost? I aws God has made. The man may cannot be lost, should thought be lost? I aws God has made. The man may cannot be lost, should thought be lost? I aws God has made. The man may cannot be lost, should thought be lost? I aws God has made. The man may cannot be lost, should thought be lost? I aws God has made. The man may cannot be lost, should thought be lost? I aws God has made. The man may cannot be lost, should thought be lost? I aws God has made. The man may cannot be lost, should thought be lost? I aws God has made. The man may cannot be lost, should thought be lost? I aws God has made. The man may cannot be lost, should thought be lost? I aws God has made. The man may cannot be lost, should thought be lost? I aws God has made. The man may cannot be lost, should thought be lost? I aws God has made. The man may cannot be lost, should thought be lost? I aws God has made. The man may cannot be lost, should thought be lost? I aws God has made. The man may cannot be lost. The man may cannot be lost. The man may cannot cations are plain that the happiest re- every way. It attracts a large public works along with the structure God macy; ideas, that govern the world, versions of physical exercise."

in harmony with it, and his machinery | Ah, the thought that leaps out of the Our closing services on Sunday in motion, he prepares his engine, and bosom of any being, the new thought. night among the Preachers, after the that evaporized steam propels the the grand thought, has, like its origin, congregation had retired, were extra- machinery. Man rises in nature just immortality. It comes as from the himself on the material side; God live. You may kill the human form-

Now, when man can grasp God's thoughts and work in harmony with them, then he performs his choicest work. Yonder sunbeams have been car rying light and power from creation's birth. Yonder sea-weed contain ed its iodine, but not until man found God's thoughts and took the iodine from the sea weed, and threw its vapor over the plate and caught the sun beams, did the sun become for man right, be the consequences what they in the material world succeeds just as

his own received him not." They hated my work will seem to have the ele im. And, said he to his disciples, ments of omnipotence. Yonder moon you also." We must bear persecution. is this observable, that when the 'All that live godly in Christ Jesus | moon draws in the same line with the must suffer persecution." But though sun, whether at new or full moon, the right: to obey God if the world be in draws at right angles with the sun. The arms, if we lose our position, our combination of forces in the same line bread, our friends, our all. It is our gives a much higher result. And so duty to stand by the word of God, man, co-operating with God, raises Abel stood there-stood there humbly his strenth, and the tidal wave rushes Then, as I have said, he is the eter-

rifice was accepted. God saw his an- nal worker, for God's work is eternal ger, and yet expostulated with him: God never works for to-day. His "If thou doest well, thou shalt be ac- plans run on and on. The web he cented. You have a lamb. Sin. or a weaves is from everlasting to everlassin-offering, as it may be read, lies at ting. It is to stand in the sight of blood and trust in the coming Saviour | part of that web, be it ever so insigniand all shall be right. You are the ficant, that will stand to all eternity first-born; your brother is subject to It stands as part of God's purpose you. Unto you shall be his desire, it works into God's plans; and he who and you shall rule over him. You works for God, who works with God have every attribute of excellence; add works for eternity; he paints that to it." But Cain was angry. Not which never shall be lost. And oh there at the altar did he slay his bro- this is one of the grand comforting ther, in the presence of God, but walk thoughts to us. While on earth we ing in the field, as though God saw may do something for eternity. Abe him not, he rose up against his bro- thought very little of what he was ther and slew him, and then said, as doing. He had no idea of the mass of if to hide the crime, "Am I my bro- humanity that should come; of the great triumphs to be wrought in this world. He stood simply in God's plans; in God's ways; and yet he lives: his name is known in every language it is uttered by the lips of evey child where the name of Christ is known; and when this world shall be filled with its multitudes of thousands of millions of human beings, when Christ shall reign supreme, there is not a land, there is not a language, there is not a tongue that shall not pronounce the name of Abel. He joince himself with God's plans, and though the ages have passed, his name is not

Is that strange? God has so arranged the universe that there is no force ever lost; there is no matter ever lost. God's favor and to dwell in the light It changes form; it never vanishes of God's countenance; not so much to wholly. It may vanish from our step on earth's highest points as to be sight, we may consume the wood, but the flame, the vaporized gas, the ashes, are there; they have all the elements could be kept the innocent pastime it may be evaporated; unseen it goes off support but-seeing it as it is, the chocombined cannot defeat Jehovah's tion; God does. He lifts the ocean in ually centred into contests of this

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ence. Some of as will not soon, I my eyes upward, and these great You may chain the body-you cannot opine, forget our parting scene. "Be- globes, with all their mighty powers, chain the mind; and the thought is to go on: it cannot be lost. No thought of purity, or virtue, or truth, that God gives us to set afloat in this world, can ever perish. And so of the words we speak: we may utter them and they are gone. We may never think of them again; but this universe is a vast atmosphere of waves, and they run on and on and, on and stop and knock at the door, the ear, leaving the human heart to take it in, and on again and on; and if there be a thought worthy to be reiterated, another voice takes it and sends it on. And it is the great artist, penciling the images thus that what is vile drops as into of his friends, giving him landscapes the ocean to be buried out of sight, do and scenes of beauty. Now, as man and yet not lost; for the vile has made a stain that, save by the blood of may. Possibly on some former occa- he works in harmony with God's law, Christ, can never be washed away; but the pure and the true lives on until its consummation finds its home with the purified in heaven. Now, possibly if he should repeat that form of morality; and as man combines this is the eternity of working. We of worship; for it is strage that doing himself with God's laws, follows out work on with our thought, and the shought cannot die. We set influenmen should hate a man who does right comes what God calls him, a co-work | ces at work that cannot fail. Do we seems strange, but so it is. A right er-a worker together with God. God not see that in this world? The deed shames the wrong; and a true lays down the laws. God, if I may living things are in connection with man shames the false; and false men use the phrase, furnishes the thread, the broad, the grand things. Men hate the right. Men will not come to and lets man put in the filling, weave may build up selfish castles; they have the light, but they hate the light as up the figures, fix the patterns; but he no immortality. A man may build long as they walk in darkness. Hence, must do it in harmony with God's himself a costly home and inhabit it; he may be the rich man dressed. as of the world; the testifying men were God's will, and joins himself to that sumptuously every day, and hisfriends the objects of contempt. Christ him- will, will be, first, the successful work- may gather around him, but his castle self, with all the leveliness of heaven's er, and then will be the eternal work- does not live as his abode, and his own glory infused within him and er. He will be the successful worker, raiment is gone, and at his table anoaround him, was an object of human for he has all the advantages of God's ther sits and there is desolation hatred. "He came unto his own, and power; and if I can work with God, around his hearth; there is no life in simply the man's castle or his revenue. Where did the kings of the world "If they have hated me, they will hate raises the tides of the sea; but there live! Where are their abodes? Go hunt for their palaces and their castles, and they are gone, stone moulder. ing upon stone, until all have been the world may rage, it is manly to do tide is always higher than when it gnawed and crumbled by the tooth of

[TO BE CONTINUED.] THE ARTS.

The Handel Festival, just, ended, at the Crystal Palace, Sydenham, England, is reported to be the most suc-

cessful celebration vet held. THE famous jewels and relics of the Cathedral of Monza are shortly to be exhibited at Milan. These interesting specimens of goldsmith's work, some of the sixth century, consist of the famed iron crown of the Dombards, gift of Pope Gregory the Great to Queen Theolinda, a kind of carcanet or jointed circlet of gold, loaded with precious stones, and the santo chiedo . or nail of the cross, whence it derives its name, hammered into a thin fillet of the iron within; her cup of gold, said to be hollowed out of a single sapphire (probably glass, as the emerald of the sacro catino of Genoa); her comb of gold filagree and emeralds, and her fan, or flabellum, of painted leather, the handle encrusted with jewels; the Gregorian present of the Gospels enclosed in a rich box ornamented with precious stones, and the cover of an Evangeliary with similar decoration; her pectoral cross of rock crystal, used at the coronation of the Emperor of Germany; and her celebrated chioccia, the hen and seven chickens of gold, with ruby eyes, piking up corn, on a kind of tray or plateau, said by some to bear a symbolic signification, by others to be simply a table ornament. Among the treasures are also the cross of King Berenger; and a silver monstrance resplendent with diamonds and other preci-

Bask Ball. - The Philadelphia Telegraph offers some judicious counsels to young men about Base Ball and other Athletic games:-"If Base Ball