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poetry.

Hymn to the Holy Spirit.

BOBERT II, OF FRANCE, 971 1031.

Touristated by Mrs. J. P. Belliand

Come, ever blessed Spirit, Thy joy let as inherit, Thy light within us dark, Come, Father of the poore to Come, with rich pates the supest, Come, light of every heart.

Sacet guest within us dwelling. Our considetion sweet. In toil, thou ar, our resting, Our beig, when tempests breasting For tears, our solute me t.

Olivier, with radiance glowing. Fill its to evertewing With thy most precious love: Nothing his man for dower.

1 - shall worthless prove

Wash me, with fourness striving, That which is parched revivin Pain of all worm is abute. Mean soft what or is rigid; Warm there has Sport frigit,

Thy faithfulness bestowing, Thy goodness in us showing Reveal the saired wwwn. wive grace, on three relying. Give victory in dying. titvo en tues bliss in heave-

Gommunicated.

For the Advocate. Rev. Col. Thomas Kuffin.

Ma Entron: I suppose that it is no generally anown that the father of the late Chief Justice Rudin was a local Methodist preacher. Yet such is the case, as many good diving in Caswell county well know, who knew him, and heard him preach Dr. Allen Gunn knew him well, and remembers to father's house the remembers also to have heard blu give his father, Starling Gann, an account of his conversion, and a short history of his life, which was so remarkable I will give it to you as the Dr. gave it to me, and if you think it worthy a place in the Advocate, you can give it to the pub-

He was reared in luxury, without God, and without ho e in the world Of course he sought pleasure in the ways of the world, and became immiloose rein to his passions and appetite; following its follies, pastimes and

The Bible he had seen, but never read. Religion did not enter his thoughts. He was a gamesler; fond of eards, dice, cock fighting and the

in the city of Richmond. He had three fine horses in training. The set time came. He set out in his carriage for the c.tv. On his way he became weary, feet kinely and greatly op pressed with annui. Coming up to a country store, he inquired for a novel. The honest merchant did not know what hat was. When informed that it was a book, he replied that they had no books but spelling books is not with the causes, explanations, and Bibles. Not wishing to read the excuses, and apologies, that may be spelling book, he purchased a Bible, opened it, and began to read to while ing in these matters. But there is away the time. It amazed him He not is full defense in some of he ex threw it down exclaiming: 'Well that planations offered as many surpose. is the biggest lie ever put in a book.' The war should not be urged too con Riding alone, and no one but his dri- fidently as an explanation of our prever to tak to, in order to divert his sent status. For, unfortunately, this mind, he picked it up, opened it, and much to be deplored state of things began to read again. This time it existed before the war. Futhermore, interested him. He read on and on, the war, so far at least as newspapers arriving at the city he called for a are concerned, added immensely to the room and a light; -went to his room laterest of the people in them. Nor to read; -ate his supper, and returned will it meet the case to rest our deto his room, and read himself to sleep. fense in high prices. The Nashville Awoke in the morning, and read until Christian Advocate is a lower priced beautiful parable from Halley. The breakfast. It changed his shoughts, paper than the New York Christian and he determined to change his life. Before the hour came for the race he pers they are not higher-priced than to fall into a vessel of aqua fortis, and had made up his mind not to engage the Northern Advocates. If any say

his comrades what was the amount of ask this question : How about the ter comes on the scene, and infuses his forfeit. They objected to his circulation of any given book of generwithdrawal, and rejused to name the amount. He was firm in his resolu tion. They thought he had gone crazy, and asked him what he meant. He told them that be meant what he said Paid his forfeit, ordered the servants to take the horses home, and lum wealth did not lead to a different hitch them to the plow:-entered his result. carriage for home, reading the Bible Perhaps our best apology is found the Christian hope of immortality. nearly all the way On reaching home, in the fact that our Southern populabefore entering his house, or greeting tion is chiefly rural But even this we his wife, he ordered the servants to should not urge over much, for the build a fire in the yard, upon which be wo:s' use we can make of our best Three years ago Dr. Seymour was not laid his cards, dice, backgammon excuses is to fondle them till they m- allowed, by vote of the General Conboard, &c., &r.; - had his game cocks duce a resignation that issues in satis vention, to become bishop of the killed for the servants supper; entered fac ion with our delinquencies and vacant diocese of Illinois, but the di his house, called his household togeth failures That is a very unfortuna e vision of the State creates a new di er, read the Beble, and L. ld prayers explanation of an avoidable evil that occse to which he was recently elected, with them. From that time forward in inces contentment in its endurance, and the old squabble and discussion the fami valtar was established.

sisted of a pious old servant and him- circulation of good papers and useful er. While thus engaged, a man passNo conscientious man, who is in eral request uttered in a half hearted the positive, the mercury at once the positive, the mercury at once the positive of the positive.

pray and talk about religion, and that such a state of things as now exists they wou'd not hurt him, on being in- in our Southern land. It is sad be vited, he came in and crouched down | youd expression to know that thous on the seat nearest the do r, and ands upon thousands of our people do looked on as if bewildered. The next not read the papers and books that Sabbath was appointed for the next they and their children need to read. meeting. The visitor spread the Our judgment is, that few, if any of news, and quite a congregation assem | us, realize the real state of things as bled. He kept up the meetings, soon to this matter of religious lit-ra ure found peace with God, and began to exhort others to seek it.

He united himself with the M E. Church; was licensed to exhort, and not long after became a local preacher, the remainder of his life.

Yanceyville to Company Shops.

J W JENKINS. Rockingham, N C

Books and Papers in the South.

We have as little pleasure in wri ing as in reading disagreeable facts coucerning our own people. Sometimes however, it is useful if not pleasant to look steadily at disagreeable facts. Of late our thoughts have been turned to the subject of books and papers in the South. Our investigations have developed several unpleasant facts Our only reason for writing about them is we hope for better inings some day.

Few well informed people will deny that our Southern people, in propor tion to population, take fewer papers and buy fewer books than the people our eyes see and our ears hear-question or deny them. Every publisher and book merclant knows this

To bring the matter to a point we ern Methodists in one or two respects. religious instruction, and without V vol. Chaption Advance their General Conference organ—in 1877 Nashville Christian Advocate - our (If not-resign, or "surcease.") nently a man of the world, giving General Conference organ—less than 10,000 They have several Advocates that have us many as 20,000 subscricounts over 10,000. And relatively their Advocate untronage is not ! s

> they have more han two dozen. Take one other case. Their Sunday School Journal (for teachers) has era) has never gone beyond 15,000-We have conclusive reasons for teliev ing that their sales of religious and other books show as great dispropor

Our special cone en in this article

erand in palliation of our shor com Advocate. As to the rest of our pa He went to the race track and asked papers are better, abler than ours, we recovery is impossible, until the masal interest, acceptable to both sidesbuy many more copies than we do. Our post beliam poverty does not serve us in defense, for our ante-bel-

Certainly no explanation or spology come up afresh. Ritualism expects Soon after he built a church at his should leave Southern Methodists success own expense. The first meeting con satisfied to be forever behind in the

ing was attracted by the noise. He any degree responsible for the welfcare way would have availed nothing here; rises, their mutual attraction being peeped in and seemed to be alarmed. of our Zion and of our people, can a specific and intensely earnest request increased.—Dr. J. Draper, in Har-When informed that they had met to lightly put aside the consideration of brought God to the rescue.

-we might write only literatureamong our people. The real facts

would shock and alarm us. One fact ascertain d helps in the ening among us, we are very far be

our poverty. There are others that we mention only these.

What can be done? Let each man examine himself and of new Churches constantly demons find out what he can do, and do it compare the Northern and he Sou h Reports and resolutions by Confer ences will bardly answer. We have In round numbers they have 1,500,- tried them long and well. Our pub-000 communicants, of whom pe haps lishers should look more carefully in-250,000 are colored; we have 750,000, to these matters. Let them study of whom nearly all are white. The their own ways and methods. If they oun improve let them do so Editore counted over 53,000 subscribers; the If they can improve, let them do so

What can we preachers do? Can we develop a deeper interest in books and papers among our people? Can bers; we have, perhaps, not one that we induce more of them to subscribe good papers and to buy books How few among us can say, "I have divided than ours. If we have, all done my best ?" Have we tried and told, about a dezen Charch | apers, failed ? So have we preached and failed. But we try again. We preach ers owe a great duty to our people in his matter. We make no appeal for a circulation largely over 100,000. Our any yublisher, or editor, but for our Sunday-School Magazine (for teach | copie and our Church, and the good cause of Christ. Perhaps we havmade too many appeals on the lower grounds. We write not to sustain a paper, or a store, or a publisher, but to he p forward a good and great work among our people. We want to see twenty thousand subscribers to this paper-not to sustain the paper, but to forward every good work. And we can do better than ever we have troscope, the glass will be found to be

> to be done, can be done. We preachers are under the most solemn and weighty obligations to the cause of Christ in this day We are not guiltless if we leave our children in no better case than we find ourselves to day .- REV. DR HAYGOOD, in Southern Advocate.

THE RESURBECTION.-In Dr Brown's work on the resurrection there is a story is of a servant who, receiving a silver cup from his master, suffers it seeing it disappear, contends in argu (mark it, we are not saying it.) their ment with a fellow servant that its salt water, which precipitates the sil ver from the solution; and then by there and here? It may be a reprint molting and hammering the metal, he -an English book, perhaps. They restores it to its original shape. With this incident a skeptic-one of whose great stumbling blocks was the resur rection--was so struck that he ulti mately renounced his opposition to the Gospel, and became a partaker of

In the Protestant Episcopal Church

Prayer, to be prevailing, must be dros atic level. But on connecting direct, intense, and personal. A gen- the mercury with the negative pole of either for my condemnation or for my

METHODISM A REVIVAL

of growth is an aggressive piety. We have not the social position of some of our sister seets. If our children are not convert d and early gath-red not in the original. The people were within our Church folds, the social no reproved for neglecting the extertites around them, as they grow up, nals of religion. They had not neglec will bear them away towards other ted these; on the contrary, the Lord trade on the sprittle domain, that the Methodist parentage are pow the honored members of other religious bo But that for which the people were seemd from the realm of light and ex I nation of others. Coun ing dies. We are gla! they are doing in which sphere he labored zealously them all official and non official good service in the Master's work the following. greater and smaller-we can name waere hey are, but they could find he remainder of his life.

A most triumphant death closed his thirteen we kly papers published in the church of the church of the church of the interests of Southern Me h dism. The fathers. We do not attract the church of the interests of Southern Me h dism. remarkable career. He went up, as it the interests of Southern Me h dism, their fathers. We do not attract the were, in a blaze of glory. The Div ne From the best information we can ob masse by a rich ritual, by the im power was so sensibly present. That thin we are left in doubt as to whether pressiveness of our forms of service Judge Ruffin, though a : Episcon lian, all of them combined have as many as and the breadth of our doctrinal liber- plied to the longue, or more striking. shouled for joy over his father's life- 75 000. And many of them are con a ity. We have only one positive ete- ly to the razor, moving silently and less remains. His ashes repose in fessedly far below what their editors ment o power and that is a singu- smoothly, when i cuts mess keenly, or, Cu-well county some ten miles South | wish them to be in ability and general | lar adaptation in creed and modes to most probably, as a close examination west of Yanceyville, on the road from merit. The annual exhibit of our effective evangelical work Methodism of the structure of the original sen-Book A gent at Na hville, does not is a revival, or nothing. Our growth is ence seems to show to the person ad show a more encouraging state of a continual reformation. We are least dressed, the mighty man Perhaps all sphere. They are of the earth earthy. things as to the sale and circulation successfu, comparatively, when we ap- these ideas we e present to the poet's of good books. As to c her fac s, ex. preac more nearly to some of our mind when thi psalm was composed plainable, in part at lea-t, by the lack neighbors in the stateliness of our of good books and papers among our church edifices, the wealth of our mempeople, we mention here but a few. bership and the precision and grace of Although there are evidences of awak- our formal service. We are most successful when the necessities of a new hind seve al sister Churches in the m vement call out all the energies, work of foreign missions. We have sacrifices, prayers and consecrated inspiration which be believed came on but one endowed institution of harn-services of the membership. Here ing in the territory of our Church, the growth is manifest and often won And we did not endow that. What derful. When long - established is worse, we have not yet seriously Churches, bke old Bedford Street in considered that our Church Colleges | New York or St. George's in Philadel (although they must do a great deal | phia, preserve their ancient simplicity of eleemosynary work) need to be and dev 'ion, the Church continues to be a hive of fruit-bearing workers, There is trouble, perennial, as to constant y swarming in new centers of the support of our ministry-trouble activity The natural growth of Meth have seen his linear coat wet with per- of the Northern States The evidence that can in no wise be explained by odism in New England is slow; its facts as we may, we cannot while thoughtful people will call to mind cognition, 'What hath God wrought! The vitality of our Methodist modes is not exhausted, as the birth and vigor

trate. - Zion's Herald. "God's Financial System."

One tenth of sipened grain, One tenth of tree and vine One tenth of all the yield From ten tenths' rain and shine.

One touth of lowing herds One tenth of blesting flocks, For ten tenths' shine and rain

One tenth of all increase From counting-room and mart One tenth that cleace yields. One touth of every art.

One tenth of mill and mine; One tenth of eve - craft W.ought out by gains of Thine. One tenth of glowing words That golden guineas hold;

One tenth of loom and press,

One tenth of written thoughts That turn to shining gold. One tenth ! and dost thou, Lord, But ask this meager loan, When all the earth is thine.

And all we have thine own electricity and Capillary Attrac

When a glass plate is laid on the surface of quicksilver, a considerable force is required to separate them -On the separation being made, if the substances be examined by the elecdone. Whatever in God's world ought electrified positively, the mercury neg atively. Their a traction or adhesion is, therefore, a necessary electrical re sult. S in ense is this electrical de velopment, that if during the act of separation the mercury be in connec tion with a gold-leaf electroscope, the gold leaves are commonly torn asun-

> In like manner, if some melted sn'phur be poured into conical glass and to be in opposite electrical states -And the same occurs when surfaces of various kinds are parted from each tone; he read as directed,other. There ought, therefore, to be

But if a glass plate be laid on a for the glass has brought away with it have known it; for 'artiess' natural a layer of water, and there has been no true separation of the solid from the liquid, but only of water from water. The force of adhesion of the glass to the water has exceeded the Cullis tells, in the of his reports, cohesion of the water f r itself.

If a plate of po ished zinc be laid on from uniting, and all electrical mani festations must cease.

the interior of a glass tabe, so as to placing some mercury in i', the mer- Lord thinketh upon the cary will be depressed below the hy

Popular Exegesis,

As a denomination our chief element | Psalm 1 8 - "I will not reprove thee for thy sacrifices or thy burnt offerings, to have been continually before Me

The sense will appear if the words 'to have been' be ommitted. They are testifies, Yea, thy burn offerings ruler in the Church will ascend from [have been] continually before Me. the lower kingdom rather than de

ceitfully.' 'Working deceitfully' any be ap-

Psalm lvii, 8 'Awake up, my glory but the most probab's interpretation is that it is an invocation to the divine his poet a talent, and which he regarded as his glory. It is similar to the invocation of the Muse by the heathen. So M.l cn:

Of Oreb, or of sinal, dide 1 - pire

That shepherd, etc. Parador 1 - 1. 6, 7.

This view is favored by the succeeding words, awake usaltery and harn: I myself will awake early,' or, better, 'awake, lute and harp; I myself will wake the morning dawn' Here 'lute

marks upon this; the other kings are Ir preached. awakened by the dawn, but I, said Da vid, will awaken the dawn - Rev. Dr. Manusine for January.

who are ignorant of the value of Lard | co conquer. - Prof. Seelye. work have any doubt on this point The men who are always depending on 'the inspiration of the moment' are the men who are neither inspired any accomplishment is always the man who has earned his gracefulness by downright labor. In Mears's Life of Dr. Kirk is an illustrationou this point. it says of the Doctor: 'His was the culture of Everett, with whom he was often compared as to diction and delivery. His reading of the Scriptures and of hymns always impressed men with his power. Many a minister came to him to learn the secret of such an utterance. One of these ha told the story of his discipline. Said Dr. Kirk, 'You may read the hymn of Watts beginning-

'Stand up, my soul! shake off thy feats

The clergyman began in his custo permitted to solidify, on making the wakened disgust in the teacher 'Ca separation the interior of the glass and your soul John Jones, and then read the solid sulphur cone will be found with enough authority to make John the church, which he said the con Jones stand up, and shake off his fears, and march forward! The voice of the learner assumed at once a new 'Stand up, John Jones ! shake off the form,'

And the lesson was never forgotten. sove in his krk Worshipers charmed by the Doctor's reading in the sauctuary and else surface of water, there is no apparent where, never knew with how great development of electricity on separa- diligence he had learned to become so ting them. And the reason is obvious, artlessly natural. But they might ness in reading and writing and speak ing never comes except by long con-

I KNOW HE IS THE KING OF ME. - DO an age! Christian, who, lying on his death h d in the Consumptives' Home mercury, there will, again, be no elec- was asked the cuse of his perfect trical development apparent on sepa | peac , in a s a e of such ex reme weak rating them. For, owing to the con ness that he was often entirely unconductivility of the zinc, there is nothing scious of all around him. He replied: to prevent the opposite electricities, "When I am able to think at latink of extremely vulgar, to say nothing of of him, I know he is thinking of me Whatever can disturb the electrical | And to how many of the Lord's dear relations of a so id and a liquid, will suffering children have the words o disturb their capillarity. Or wetting he P a most come with a veet conso a form a temporary tube of water, and tion: "I am p or and n-edy; yet the

The blood has two eries: it erics

Our Dangers.

The difficulties and dangers of piety rise in part from our diverse relations Man is a compound being, a combina tion of flesh and spirit, a synthesis of elements from the opposing spheres of matter and mind; and as conversion does n t eliminate the former there is long.

re, roved appears in the verse 14 and parity. Secular and even animal ties hold us strongly; and the magnetism of that great I ader, male or female, is often mere animal magnetism. The grand physique, the flow of blood and animal spirits the natural the c roore al momenta, are blindly accopted for spiritual forces These non spiritual, mandane quali ies, however brillian: or powerful, have no tendency to ele vate the Church in the scale of s, irit uality, but are, on the o her hand. limble to drag it down to their own The Church is from above, is descend ed from heaven, and finds her most effectual aids in spiritual forces. The Church of this day, as of all days, has need to guard against the worship of By some 'glory' is understood to the beast, especially as human nature mean the tongue, by others the soul; has ever shown a proclivity to that sort of idelatry. An animal, especi ally a fat and sleck one, in the Church, in the guise of a saint, is a grave peril as many sil y people, laden with sins and divers lusts,' are lable to 'wan der after the beast,' and thereby in-

sure their own | uin .- Zion's Herald THE POWER OF THE BIBLE -- The chief duty . f Protestantism is with the Scrip ures. It is clearly to declare and publish them abroad. The Bible does not need any defense so much as it needs proclamation. It defends it self wherever it is known. Deep in Hare. every soul there dwells for ver a wit es to the truth, whose clear eye and steady voice will see and re-pond to The legend of the Talmud is very it wherever it is in wn. We do not interesting (according o Delitz ch); need to implore men to believe the 'A cither huny over David's bed, and grath. We only need that they shall when midnight come, the north wind apprehend it, and then we may defy rounded of i self: he arose at once and them to deny it. And thus the Bible pilliars of the dawn arose.' Isaki re ment for its support than itself clear- eternal in the heavens.

There are defenders of the tru h who DEEMS, in Frank Leslie's Sanday think it otherwise. They treat the If a mean does anything well, you tained lest it fall And so they bring may be sure that he has worked hard loge her their learning and philosin preparation for its doing. If he of by, their human rea oning and repreaches a b tter sermon than usual, search, which they use as poof to or teaches a Bible lesson with more keep the Bible up, trembling all the than ordinary skill, or makes a speech will elest one of these should fail, and of rare effectiveness, or reads, or the trub, unsupported, sink to its sings, or writes, or sketches, or rides, hurt. But the Bible disdains all these or does anything else with peculiar appliances. It is no weakly infant. facility, it is because he has give more I, has more than a given's strength than common labor to fir himself for and can not only stand unaided, but junct of his nature, but his most per just this performance. Only those can walk forth alone, conquering and manent, highest self. What this in-

Jesus. - Talk to me of Jesus,' said an aged Caristian, when an the banks the river that was soon to bear him nor inspiring The grac ful man in leveth, and of the many mansions' away. 'Tell ue of Him whom my soul where He dwells with 'His own' in Maria habuit ag-nel lam, glory, and where I shall 'soon see Him as He is, It is the news of the Master's household I long to hear; the Ad scholam cam se qui tur, advancement of His cause, and the progress of His kingdom. Do not tel Le of things that are pas ing away, I care not for them This world and all its possesions must soon be burned up and wherefore should they dwell in my affections? I have a home that fire cannot touch; a kingdom and a crown that fade not away ; and wiy slo ld I be concerned about afforms of the

> A minister of West Ans ruther ap pealed to Sir R bert Austruther wh was an extensive land owner in that parish, to assist in placing a stove in gregation found very cold. "Culd, sir, could !' Sir R bert exc'aimed, failings of a friend; to draw a cartain needle, and he found that such fluctu-Then warm them with your doctrine sir John Knox never asked for a his perfections; to bury his hundred years ago, Vaa Swinden had

> From different sources the strength of he Lutheran Chu ch in the United States is variously reported the high est figures being 655,529 communi- and werrine spreads the covering of variation having an eleven year period. cants, and the lowest 459,503. A large per cent. of this church are our spirts are refreshed and nature spot activity. Schiaparelli and Broun German, and only abo t 13 000 of returns to is morning vigor Gol have confirmed these results, and the their communicants are in the hen olds the sun to researd the day

Agais z says that if you leave your fingernails uncut for a thousand years they will grow to be a thousand feet ong. We hope none of our readers will toy the experiment. Finger- South are already under the control in Popular Science Monthly. nails a thousand feet long would look of Roman Catholic priests. Norristown Herald.

A man can never book so belpless and insignificant as when standing a round in a dry goods store wating or his wife to get hero gh trading.

We can hardly learn h mi ty and tenderness enough except by suffer-

Fun and Fact.

- Behavior is a mirror in which very one shows his image. - Goethe.

- If your furs over get worn down

- We paint our lives in fresco .-The soft and fusil plaster of the mon ument hardens under every stroke of he brush into eternal rock .- Ster-

- 'Clara,' asked Tom, 'what animal dear,' was the roply.

-Some people have a way of thinking that what they are about must be pleasing to God, if only it is uppleas ant enough to themselves .- Jean In

- The song of the mortgaged church according to the Graphic is, Sound the loud Kimball.'

- A taste for the beautiful does for more than minister to the gratifica tion of the eye. It contributes to in fuse a renity into the home circle, smooths the asperities of life, and reconciles us to much in living and association which would otherwise be

- A Sunday-school teacher in Al bion, N Y, asked her class the question: 'What did Simon say?' 'Thumbs up!' said a little girl.

- In darkness the e is no choice It is light that enables us to see the differences between things; and it is Christ that gives us light - Augustus

recipe to prevent bad dreams. He received a slip of paper on which was exports of 1876 were 3 per cent. of written: 'Don't go to sleep.'

- When the earthly tabernacle shakes, it reminds us of the mercy of occupied himself with the law until the as e ernal truth, needs no other arga having a house not made with hands,

> - There is a precedious six-yearand definition. The other day his teacher asked him to spell 'matrimosaid the teacher. 'Weil,' replied the boy, 'I don't know exactly what it

- There is at the core of all men And this part of man is no mere adabove it -a will consubstantial with pasture. August and September are our better will, yet transcending, sup

A SEMI-CLASSIC DITTY. Its fleece was white as snow, Ubique Mary pro-ces sit, The lamb was sure to go. Which was against the rule; Rident luduntque in-fan tes To see a lamb at school. Chorus-Come, join my humble ditty.

Magister agnam ex pul sit, But still it linger'd near; Patiens mansit cir ci ter Till Mary did appear. "Cur agua amat Mariam ?" The eager children cry, Quod Mary amat ag nel-lam." The teacher did reply. Chorus-Come, join my humble ditty. Actor Columbiana

"Beautiful Words"

before his stains, and to display high sun spot activity." Nearly a weakness in silence, 'u to proc'aim suggested a periodicity in these irreguhis virtures on the house top. It is lar magnetic movements. Gauss, an imitation of the chari is of Arago, Lamount and Gautier, purheaven, which, when the creatures ited sued the research, and established prostrate in the weakness of sleep the existence of a cycle of magnetic night and da kees or ri, to cone a the maxima and minima agreeing with it in that court ion; but as soon as the maxima and minima of sun shine up nos oh to advance and the sun-spot activity is not an exact o snow that ac ivi v .- South.

Pleasantries.

- According to Rev. James Powell. 150,000 colored children at the

of the city eachers recently. And ounce of camphor. Let it stand till one little boy handed in, "Go, go, go, on the part affected and it will never

- Tom thumb mysteriously dis appeared the other day. His wife searched the house from cellar to garret, and finally found her for year old son sitting on his sleeping father, never failing of success. completely hiding him from view .-The Year Book of the Universalists Norristown Heraid Think of a man

Rural and Domestic.

CORN AS FOOD.

The Milwaukee Journal thus short, whip them with forty rods, for compares the cost and food-value of forty rods is said to make a fur corn and wheat, to the disadvantage of the latter grain: "Wheat is the dearest food consumed by mankind; and, when the comparative value and cheapness of the different grains is more thoroughly understood, the singular fact will be developed that there s as much caste in food as in the human race that is supported by it. Searcity and high cost of wheat will dropped from the clouds ? 'The rain, eventually force nations and individuals to learn that the moral and financial elevation of the masses depends upon the substitution of some good material cheaper than wheat and bearing nearer proportion to the reducted tate of wages now prevalent the world over. When the conventional necessities of life increase in cost, laborers' wages diminish, and suffering and discontent ensue. The following comparison will show that corn, as well as oats, is cheaper food than wheat. Oats contain 1991 per cent. of nourishment; corn, 12.30 per cent.; and wheat 14 06 per cent. Each pound of nourishment from oats, at 581 cents per bushel, costs 9.33 cents; from corn, at 67 cents per bushel, each pound 99 cents; while from wheat, \$107 per bushel, each pound of nourishment costs 10.61 cents. The corn crop of the United States equals the wheat crop of the civilized world, while 40 per cent of the latter cannot raise sufficient for their own wants. The deficiency in the United States wheat crop for 1876 exceeded the entire export tor 1875, while our exports of wheat in 1875 were 10,000,000 bushels less than in 1874, showing that wheat cannot be claimed as a sole dependence for the rapidly-increased poupation of the world. Corn must before many years be consumed as a partial substitute, at least, for wheat; and the better the quality of the gaain - A young man sent ix'y cents to and the more perfect the process of preparing it for food the an come the enlarged demand. This is in part confirmed by the fact that our our whole crop, while for the twelve preceeding years they averaged only one per cent. of the corn produced.

WINTER OATS.

The winter grain has been cultivated as a distinct variety in the old boy who is wonderful on spelling mountains of East Tennessee, where the altitude is 2,500 feet, for more than half a century. Not till within a ny. Mat 1-1 m o n y, said the crop so frequently proved a failure youngster promptly 'Now define it.' has this out been known generally, excepting in one or two neighborhoods. At the present time it is as generally sown as winter wheat or rve. means, but I know mother's got It produces more than double the quantity that the crop sown in the spring does. From the fact that it has so much longer time to grow and masomething which the whole world of ture itself, the grain is well perfected, science and art is inadequate to fill, and weighs fully one fourth more than that grown in spring. The stalk is stout, and it bears its lengthy, wellloaded head without lodging or falling down. It has no disease, neither smut most personality craves is sympathy nor rust It is sown very early, so as with something like itself, yet high to be used for fall and held as winter not too soon to sow.

It was sent for the first time last year to the North, and it has done well in Indiana and other Northern States. It is supposed to have originated from an Irish oat, brought here by the early settlers over a centuryage, and by being sown among the winter crops, year after year, the fittest survived, and by the law of selection it finally became a hardy winter grainas much so as any other.-Edwin Henry, in American Cultivator.

SUN-SPOTS AND TERRESTRIAL MAG-NETISM.—The first coincidence observed was in the field of terrestrial magnetism. "A freely suspended magnot, although it points in one direction, is nevertheless, within small limits, always in motion, Certain of these motions depend, as is well known, upon the hour of the day; but the magnet is also liable to irregular, abrupt fluctuations, which cannot be connected with the diurnal oscillations. While Hofrath Schwabe was engaged in delineating the sun-spots, Sir Edward Sabine was conducting a series of observations with regard to ver the blemishes and excise the these spasmodic affections of the latter observer concludes that while measure of magnetic action, 'each is a distinct result due to the same cause This disturbance is so great that, in years of maximum sun-spots, the working of the telegraph has been powerfully interfered with -Prof. Youmans,

AN INVALUABLE REMEDY FOR -"Foregoes" was the word put out RHEUMATISM -Take a pint of spirits the camphor is dissolved; then rub it fail of removing the complaints. Flannel should be applied after the part is well fomented with turpentine. Repeat the application morning and evening It is said to be equally available for burns, scalds, bruises, and sprains,

- When the standard bearers are fighting among themselves, they can own not be doing much execution in the enemy's ranks.