FRANK THORNTON

Takes pleasure in greeting the good people of Johnston county, and congratulates them upon their extended Railroad facilities. With pardonable pride we annunce that we have the largest store, the largest stock and the most perfectly arranged establishment in the entire Ytate.

A single glance at the inside of our Mammoth Store will convince anyone that we carry A single glance at the inside of our Mammoth Store will convince anyone that we carry the largest LINE OF GOODS contained under any one 1906, south of Mason & Dixon's line. IN SILKS We show perfect lines in elegant Black Gras' Grain, Striped and Colored IN SATINS. Our assortment is unsurpassed in beautiful black, colored, striped and marcat. IN VELVETS An unusually handsome exhibit is made of Silk Velvets, striped Velvets, Tuft Velvets and Brocaded Velvets, IN SILK PLUSTIES are seen all colores in great variety. IN FINE DRESS GOODS. All the novelties are secured and exhibited among which are Striped Boucle. Assubet all wood suitings 40 inches wide Orch. hibited, among which are Striped Boucle, Assabet, all wool suitings, 40 inches wide; Oueko, all wool suitings, 54 inches wide; Cashmere Diagonals, Cashmere Sublime Long, all wool Tricets, Brilliantines, Cashmere Peique, Travers, Fancies. Serges, Colored Faille, Colored Rhada-

IN TRIMMINGS

We give a beautiful dipslay of Felt Ball Edgings, Mohair Marabout Trimmings, Feathers Marabout Trimmings. Beaued Gimps, all colors, entirely new; ricot Braids, Lacings Cords, Beaded Passamentrie, and all the new designs, in Buttons in matter designs. IN BLACK GOODS our assortment is perfect. A large and full line of Mourning goods, including sitk Wrap Hen rietta, Crepe Cloth, Velours Broche, Black Rhadsnes, etc. In Wraps we take pleasure in directing your attention to the most complete array ever shown in this part of the country, including short wraps, in cloth and Brocade silks; Newmarkets in cloth and Brocade silk, all handsomely trimmed in the newest designs; sea! Plush sacques, 40 inches long, satin lined—a beautifully wrap.

CLOAKS OF EVERY DESCRIPTION.

In Carpets a very heavy and handsome stock is shown embracing every available Novelty in Chinese Carpeting in I laid and stripes, Ingrains-3-plays, Tapestry, Tapestry Brussels, Body Brussels, Broche, Velvet, Axminster, stair Carpet in Ingrain and Brussels, Hemp, &c. In shoes our assortment is perfect in all grades. We are the sole controlling agent in the city for the celegrated Ziegler Bros' Fine shoes, and no one else can buy or sell them in this territory. There are no other Zieglers' make of shoes, but to get the genzine enquire and look for the brand "Ziegler Bros." Every pair is branded. We show these goods in every style and designs known to the aristic trade.

We use Our Best Endeavors

in the arrangement and extent of our stock to save the Ladies trouble of going from one store to another in order complete their memorandums, and we flatter ourselves that we can, without trouble, fill any memorandum in the bry Goods Line, hereby obviating to the purchaser much annoyance. FOR THE BENEFIT OF OUR LADY PATRONS we have connected with our establishment a handsomely furnished Parlor, and Toilet Room, a feature in the Dry Goods business not possessed by any other House in the city.

MAIL ORDERS, and orders for samples solicited and promptly attended to.

FRANK THORNON.

FAYETTEVILLE, N. C.

We wish to direct the attention of the

public to our large and well selected stock

of goods now in store. We carry the

and can and will sell hardware cheaper

If you want stoves and tin ware,

If you want builder's hardware,

If you want wood and willow ware,

If you want to paint your house,

If you want sash doors and blinds,

If you want files, oil, lace leather and

If you want pocket and table cutlery, If you want the best razor in the wor

If you want to fence you farm,

If you want to shoe your horse,

If you want fly traps and fly fans,

If you want to be rich and happy,

Buy your goods of

If you want to build or repair a buggy,

If you want saddles, bridles and harness.

If you want to dry or preserve your fruit, If you want to cut your wheat, grass and

If you want to run a cotton ginor saw

If you want guns and ammunition, belts.

If you want the best plows and cultivators,

If you want the best hoes, rakes and forks,

If you want the best iron and wood pumps

E. J. & J. S. HOI I

W. L. Edwards.

SECOND STREET.

Smithfield, N. C.,

Is Heedquarters for Fresh Norfolk Oysters.

NOTICE!

sengill on the 16th day of November, 1886,

and duly registered in the Register's office of

cash at the court house doer in the town of Smithfield, on the 18th day December, 1886,

a certain tract of land in Ingrams Township,

Johnston county, known as the Nicholas Stanley land, containing 18 acress and fully de-

scribed in said mortgage. This 18th day of

SANDERS & MASSENGILL, Mortagees.

Carriage Manufacturers

UNDERTAKER

VEHICLES at Rock Bottom

Prices.

Coffins and Burial Cases furnished on snort

POU & MASSEY,

Attorneys-at-Law and Real Estate

SMHITFIELD, N. C.

If you wish to buy land or to sell land, per

haps we can aid you.

We can negotiate loans, for long or short terms on real estate in Johnston county

Persons wishing to lend money or to borrow

money on mortgage of land may find it to their

P. T MASSEY

By virture of the authority contained in a

Served up in any style and at all hours.

Smithfield, N. C.

If you want to rest whed you are tired

(OPPOSITE OLD STAND,) With the Largest Stock of

Staple and Fancy Groceries Provisions, Etc., largest stock of Hardware in the country,

Ever offered to the purchasing public of Johnston and surrounding counties. As an evidence of our increasing bus- If you want crockery and glass ware. iness, wide-awake buyers are being convinced that merchante who handle one line of goods only and buy in large lots can If you want to build or repair a wagon.

400 BARRELS FLOUR, Fresh ground out of New Wheat, just received

WILLIAMSON & BLAKE'S. Price from \$4 to \$6 per barrel.

2 Car Loads Salt,

Coarse and fine ground Alum and Blown just WI LIAMSON & BLAKE'S.

10 Boxes C. R. Sides. Just received at WILLIAMSON & BLAKE'S. 50 Boxes Cakes and Crackers, At Factory Prices just received at WILLIAMSON & BLAKE'S.

25 Boxes Tobacco,

From 25 cents per pound up, just received at WILLIAMSON & BLAKE'S.

Car Load Bagging and Ties, At reduced prices, just received at Williamson & Blake's.

20 Boxes Tarbell's Cheese (The Finest on Earth,) and other grades just received at WILLIAMSON & BLAKE'S. 25 CASES STAR LYE, Just received at WILLIAMSON & BLAKE'S.

25 CASES HORSEFORD'S BREAD PREPARATION just received at WILLIAMSON & BLAKE'S. Crockery, Wood and Willow Ware, Glass

Ware, Lamp Goods, Tin Ware and a thousand other things just received at Williamson & Blake's.

They have the goods and the lowest prices. Consult your interest by giving them a call before buying elsewhere.

Very respectfully,

Williamson & Blake. STOP AT THE

CUMBERLAND HOUSE, Near the Depot,

FAYETTEVILLE, N. C. D. HBELL, Proprietor. This is the largest house in the city, is located in a beautiful grove, has recent improve

ments and is in the business part of the town. Polite attention and good tare. A. E. Rankin, S. C. Rankin, A. H. Slocomb

A. E. Rankin & Co., Wholesale Grocers and

DEALERS IN Fertilizers, Old Hickory WAGONS and CARTS. Post-Office Building, Person Street,

FAYETTEVILLE, N. C. Keep in stock a nice line of

Ciocks, Watches,

Repairing done in the best possible manner. SonthSide, Hay St., near Market Plalce, FAYETTEVILLE, N. C.

THE LITTLE MESSENGER OF LOVE

Twas a little sermon preached to me By a sweet, unconscious child— baby girl scarce four years old. With blue eyes soft and mild.

It happened on a rainy day; I, scated in a car, Was thinking, as I neared my home.

Of the continual jar And discord that prevade the air Of busy city life, Each caring but for "number one,"

Self-gain provoking strife. The gloomy weather seemed to cast On every face a shade,

By sorrow deeply laid. With low-bowed head and hands clasped close She sat, so poor and old, Nor seemed to heed the scornful glance

From eyes unkind and cold. I looked again. O, sweet indeed,
The sight that met my eyes!
Sitting upon her mether's lap,
With baby face so wise,
Was a wee child with sunny curls,

Blue eyes and dimpled chin, And a young, pure and loving heart, Unstained as yet by sin,

Upon the weman poor and sad Her eyes in wonder fell, Till wonder changed to pitying love. Her thoughts, O, who could tell?

Her tiny hands four roses held; She looked them o'er and o'er, Then choosing out the largest one. She struggled to the floor.

Acress the swaying car she went Straight to the woman's side, And putting in the wrinkled hand

The rose, she ran to hide Her little face in mother's lap, Fearing she had done wrong, Not knowing, baby as she was, That she had helped along

The up-hill road of life a soul Cast down, discouraged quite, As on the woman's face there broke A flood of joyous light.

Dear little child! she was indeed A messenger of love,

Sent to that woman's lonely heart From the great heart above. This world would be a different place, Were each to give to those

Whose hearts are sad, as much of love As west with baby's rose, HARPER'S YOUNG PEOPLE.

GLENWOOD NOTES.

Regular Reporter.

Mr. H. C. McNeili has two fine 'possnms which he expects to keep till Xmas-"possum sop and potatoes," yum! yum!

on a visit to their homes this week. than can be sold by any general dealer. the value of the pig for the Library. We his spectacles of clouds to shed his vision prospects they were easily led to ignore ren fields have become fruitful. And not may be rid of the trouble and time neces- world below. How magnificently grand, happiness they were led to belive such a lation into Christian citizens, but brought

means. Come all and take a chance. bad sign, young men; you had better quit the everlasting temple of light, "not built to the fact that President Cleveland was dles, the tanyard—the cabinet shop the it now-if you have anything to tell Miss with hands, eternally in the Heavens." unable within the compass of the Con- tailor's board, the blacksmith shop, etc. times. When we were young and "sappy no spot on earth ever looked prettier than imaginary greatness, led to our present little vine of Methodism planted by the headed," we began our amours just that Wilson did on Sunday. As we said above, political dilema. Would it not be wise on hands of Robert Williams in 1776, in the

is "heart yearn," rather. Poor fellow! which nothing but the snow nursed winds as much as possible the productiveness did cause it to take deep root, and it filled to have it too, and it was "mighty bad,"

Come out next week and see the new books for the Library. We have some like along bony finger of some icy monarch, the better of their judgment and under river." This vine clustering with the melchoice works among the number-indeed and as the eye followed it to its sharpened the guise of necessity cause them to make low piety of the aged and budding with there is not a trashy volume in the whole summit its dazzling sheet of radiance looked purchases before the crop is harvested, the promise of the young, has made fragant

Glenwood Monthly by the 15th inst. It The telegraph wires became long silver aspirants take a four years course in Cleve- the mountains of the West. will be a handsome twelve page paper, one threads of glistening beauty, and went land's patrioric schools which teaches thousand copies, and we want to raise our stretching away in the distance, and seem. that the interest of the whole people is of LOVE UNDER DIFFICULTIES. mortgage deed executed to J. W Temple on list of subscribers to 600 by the 1st of the ed like strings on fire as straggling sun- paramount importance to the political prethe 9th day of June, 1856, by C. J. Temple and wife, and transferred to Sanders & Mas-

HERALD has come out in fine style and in Johnston county, in Book "Y," No. 4, pages | HERALD has come out in fine style and in 571 and 572, we shall sell at public auction for | a new dress. It is now one of our largestand best State papers.

OLD CHURCHES.

Old Town Forsyth county, is an ancient and very small village. This settlement started in 1753 by building a church which is of stone and is standing today, notwith-standing it is 133 years old. This settle ment at first consisted of twelve men, and then there were thirteen women sent them and they cast lots to see which of these sons lived in one house one winter, building shelves on the wall to sleep in.

old, but being a frame, rotted down and together with the market value of the no other way, let us have a sermon preach tonville township), his friend asked him to bloated, ragged wretches whom you meet has been replaced with a handsome brick same when harvested and last but not least ed on the occasion. As the editor of the partake of some beer. Mr. Editor don't every day on the streets, and see in them Dealers in Columbus and Cincinnati Bug-gies, Buggy and Wagon Harness, Saddles, Bridals, etc, kept in stock, very low for cash

a colored man caused a little excitement in our midst, by running in town and inquirour midst, by running in town and inquirwriter is of the opinion that much of the our midst, by running in town and inquiring for "buck shot;" said he saw "two big
bears looking over his fence at his children." The news spread rapidly and soon

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the brethren around him, and arrange for made in a pork barrel. After a farewell mon success of our farmers may be legitiment.

THE GROWTH OF METHODISM

THE GROWTH OF Consult your interest and give them a call and examine their Stock before purchasing anywhere Satisfaction guaranteed. dren." The news spread rapidly and soon a squad was out in pursuit. Towards night one swam the river, about 2 miles above town, and was killed by Mr. J. B. Hill. He weighed when dressed 175 pounds. The other has not been seen.-Kinston Correspondent Goldsboro Messenger.

Watch ye, for ye know not when the best results to crown their efforts they The S. S. Scholars now, (1886,) Master of the House cometh, at evening or should at the earliest possible time reduce Increase of S. S. Scholars, at midnight, or at the cock crowing, or in the acreage of their farm within the com- Missionary Collection, (1838.) the morning, lest coming suddenly He find pass of the working force belonging to the Missionary Collection, (1886,) you sleeping.

WINTER'S WONDEROUS stock, therby obviating the necessity of Conference Collection, (1838,) WEAL PEL

Written by Henry Blount, the capacity of the same. It is only a ques-Inspired Genius of the tion of time as to whether our tarmers Pasters (1886) Wilson Mirror. On Friday it began to rain and sleet, and soon thereafter every tree began to robe itself in that 'stainless cranine so radiantly woven with Winter's shartle in Artie loom's, and to place around its branches a shining necklace of those glittering jewels dug only out of the bosom of from climes. The weather was extravagantly layish and profuse in adorning every object with its wealth of splendor, and when Saturday dawned Wilson looked l'ke some crystal forest full foliaged with the dazzling leaves of the most sparkling brilliancy. Every housetop, every cupola, every spire, every tree, every bush sparkled with a lustre richer and brighter than the flashes of sunbeans shot from the well poised bow of cloudless noontide, while drainless streams of shimmering billows of throbbing ra- system of farming has reached beyond done excellent and useful service for the gone and then went to get his mule, when diance poured flood after flood through glittering channels over every twig, and average capitalist. The amount of real csleft a veil of silvery spray of glittering splendor. It was a seene tinted with the is anticipated in the money circles and its Then Methodism had no fine churches. things to do-stay all night, or tramp drippings of sublimity and was gloriously depressing results are beginning to be They were, many of them, especially on several miles through the cold and darkgrand and beautiful, and beyond the pen's delineation It was wordless. It was awewrapped. It was God-like, for it was perfeet. In its stainless purity there was nothing of earth about it, and it reminded us of the shimmering spires on those Ce- yes high time, that our farmers should by commodious and elegant churches. lestial temples on high which lift up there white-robed summits, and point the spirit awake from their financial lethargy and white-robed summits, and point the spirit arouse themselves to the importance of to educate children. Now she has many to the place he est before day. One of the of adoration to higher scenes in worship. But the trees could not bear under such burdens of splendor and alive unhurt; and year 1886 is nearing a close and the em- preacher received one hundred dollars, and me, confidentially, that he had rather hear ever and'anon, a terrible crashing of a limb was heard, a magnificent shower of crushed ple has produced a state of despendency the saddle." He then belonged to the but bear in mind, it was not the one he and broken jewels would fill the air with their corruscant brilliancies, and by night-fall every street in town was strewn with shining branches of dismembered trees. at last, and the scene of the day before remove from their burdened shoulders the so much in the 200,000 tollowers attracted prove that "the course of true love never Misses Callie Avera and Ella Parker are had grown in beauty and splender, and the financial embarrassments by which they to its standard as in the intellectual and runs smoothe, and that you will be successglory of God was stamped upon everything. One of the interesting parts of the school Every twig caught the radiant smile of Unfortunately a large number of our minds and hearts of these people. Our when won, for having gone through trials close, on the 22nd, will be the raffling for an approving Angel, and held it trembling people have a very limited business expecarly converts were largely from the poor and tribulations after it, but remember our school pig-Mr. Isaac Williams do there. It was matchless in its brilliancy. rience beyond that of sewing and hoeing, illiterate people. Out of this rough mathis: nation to the Library. The pig has grown Even the luminous Gol of Day, fire-eyed and hence they become easy victims of prey terial Methodism has made Christian and immensely since we have had it in charge, as he is, and whose burning channels of to the wily schemes of that class thriving population. Many of its laity, and Mr. Williams would scarcely recognize light send warmth and glory to millions of of self-important policicians who profess to taken from the pit of ignorance and poverhis gift now in the fat porker that stands in his sty feeding upon the fat of the land. worlds in space, seemed as if his own vision was dazzled by the flashing sheets of "Judas"-like, love themselves more, and and learning. The desert has been made Anybody paying 25 cents will be entitled blazing streams of brilliancy which were owing to the great gloom which over- blossom as the rose. Marble slabs have to draw for the gig. We hope to realize sparkling beneath, and all day long he wore shadowed their present and future business been chiseled into beautiful statues. Bar-

We are much pleased to note that the We can't describe a scene which was Diety it will be that success beyond expectation conceived and Angel painted, and photo- will crown our efforts politically and fingraphed for with Winter's glorious camera. ancially and our people may become happy No, no, no. So we drop the pencil in despair, feeling that our attempted description is a poor and ill shaped and badly deform-

LETTER FROM WILDERS. Agriculture and Politics.

our people does farming pay, I suppose a great number of answers would be given, lack only one month of being a half a cendark. This being the case he tarried but thorns instead, and from the pain they ineach of them should get. All these per- each attended with some modifying cir- tury old. Our "forty-rinth session" was a short while, and then went on to the fliet, scalding tears are often seen coursing Nezareth Lutheran church, twelve miles land, kind and amount of manure used, ence make any note of it? It ought to be tion with the young lady of the house, "And what can you promise yourself north of Winston, is over a hundred years variety of crops and the amount produced, celebrated in some appropriate way. It in (than whom there is none prettier in Ben- for the future? Look at the miserable, the amount of hired labor employed, to—
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burdening the farm with a heavy system | Conference Collection, (1886,) of indebtedness far beyond the productive | Increase, tion of time as to whether our farmers Pastors, (1886,) who are involved had better sell if neces- Increase of Pastors, a hopeless system of indebtedness plus a tie labor. ruinuous rate of interest until those to

do with our recent positical reverses | Then the married preacher received two | was since inclined to the opinion that the And as night began to weave its shadows throughout the State than any other feature hundred dollars and something for the chil- mule was ahead of him. The young man around the earth the seene changed from connected with the same. The annual dren and boarded around about among the missed his supper and then walked home that of matchless beauty to one of appalling gloom, for those ice-wrapped trees purchases of the laboring class of people, ing gloom, for those ice-wrapped trees coupled with the high rates they pay for from six to fifteen hundred dollars and lives caused all this trouble and anxiety, stood Reported for the Herald by Our seemed like white and passionless monu- advancements, together with the interest in an elegant parsonage. Then the preach- up to a stack of rice straw all night and ments standing o'er a cold and pulseless on the same exceeds the market value of er traveled a circuit that was a circuit was well fed next morning. Let me say world. Even the stars, like timid child- their production. Therefore it was an easy circling around over four or five counties. to the loving swain, with all the solicitude ren afraid of every ghost-like thing, hid matter for the blatant demagogue to secure That big circuit has been divided up into of a friend and the anxiety of one deeply themselves behind intervening clouds, and the attention of the public car and success- twenty pastorial charges—each one of interested, be not discouraged. "Faint not one of them dared to look out and fully impress upon the mind of the public which pays more money now than the whole heart never won fair lady" and if the boys School closes on the 22nd inst., at which smile upon the awful scene below. It the extent of his own political greatness of the original one did in those days. time the Principal will deliver his monthly was a dismal night, but morning dawned and honor and his purpose and ability to But the true glory of Methodism is not fret you. Such obstacles tend only to

were environed.

beans fell upon them. But we have done. ferment of self-important incividuals. Then

METHODISM IN NORTH CARO-BY REV. H. T. HUDSON, D. D.

The N. C. Conference was set off from If the question should be propounded to the Virginia Conference in 1837, Feb. 8th Johnston's most intelligent and agreeable ness within. You have taken the roses cumstance as to the amount of capital in-vested, mode of cultivation, quality of will be the fiftieth one. Will the Confer-vested, mode of cultivation, quality of will be the fiftieth one. Will the Confer-

whites; 3,890 colored. Membership now (adding the gain of this year.)

whom they are indebted close out the en- 117 preachers in the Va. Conference, 55 love! I like to tell it myself sometimes. tire farm and leave them homeless and of whom were set off to the N. C. Confer- May its joys never grow less, but multiply penniless. Only a few years past and the ence. All of these good brethren have and merease till all the world shall know goard used or employed by every cross- passed away to the better land, except four no 'aw but that of "luv." Time passed road politician was the great danger of a centralized government. But the writers W. W. Albea, and Daniel Culbreth. And by going at such an unusual pace, the opinion the greatest danger of centraliza- of these Dr. R. O. Burton alone remains clock grew tired and stopped at a quarter tion is not of a political character, but that on the effective list. Brother Burton has past eleven. This being the limit, the of a landed, aristocracy which will force been eminent all along his pilgrimage for young men went out to procure their the average laboring man into a system of ministerial usefulness, and has a few more horses, and the flower of the night tenantry far from being desirable by either years of effective service before him. Bro- went off with her escort and the heart of landlord or tenant. Our present mortgage thers Cambell, Albea and Culbreth, have another chay. Adonis waited till she was its day of profitableness even to the church, and are now on the retired list. lo and behold! he was missing and no trace

tate rapidly approaching a change of hande the N. C. Conference was set off to itself. old halter. Then there was one of two realized by the unfortunate and unprotect- the circuits, nothing more than log houses ness. He chose to stay, as any right ed owners of this species of property. It Now in both States, the cities are dotted minded man would have done, but at the is not the purpose of the writer to array | with splendid and costly temples of worship | first notes of Chanticleer, he arose and anyone class of business or business interest | and on the circuits the old sway-backed | started for home, hoping to find the mule against that of another. But it is time. and barn like churches have been displaced there, but not so. Partaking of a hasty

averting if possible or meeting successfully academical schools and Collegiate Institu- young ladies came to the door and told him the dreadful crisis just ahead of them. The tions of learning. Then the unmarried his mule was in the stable He informed barrassed financial condition of our peo- only that; and his "headquarters were in her say that than to say she'd have him,

wish to raffle off our pig in order that we from the commingling corruscating of the party ties and set out for that state of only has Methodism turned illiterate popusary to dispose of the pork by oridnary how exquisitely sublime, how entrancing course would bring. Such a state of af- from obscurity many successful ministers. ly levely, how thrilling radiant must fairs, financial and political, coupled with Her pulpit has been, and is yet adorned Several of our young men have begun | Heaven be when this glittering spectacle | the vast amount of political mulishness and | with preachers, who "come up out of great writing verses to Miss ____. This is a was only a little shadow flung down from lukewarmness throughout the State, owing tribulation" __ who came from the plow han , why, tell it in the King's En | Laying aside now the pristmatic hues stitution or any provision of Congress They have come from the bottom of socieglish, and she will know then what you of enthusiastic metaphor, and donning the specific or general to bestow upon ty and now crown its top. Methodism in mean; and don't be throwing notes about homespun robe of sober fact, we will pro- every political aspirant an appoint N C has a sublime record of facts, good -they get into other girls' bangs some- ceed to say in all candor and truth, that ment commensuate with his own works, heroism, and shining success. The way, and-well, we are an "old back" to- many limbs had been torn from the trees, the part of our farmers for 1887 to employ county of Halifax, has grown and spread. day, and likely to be; so, "a word to the and, scattered here and there in magnifi- every available means to curtail expenses, its boughs from tides of the east to the cent interminglings, that shimmering mass | here less labor, work more themselves, re- mountains of the West. The Lord "bought One of our young men has the "heart of blended icicles presented a glittering line duce the accrage of land to be cultivated, this vine out" of England, "and planted burn," he says, sometimes; we suppose it of impassable chevaldefrise, and over so wall waste land in rye for hogs, increase it." He "prepared room before it, and we can sympathize with him, for we used of Heaven ever allows to creep. The scene of their lands by the use of domestic ma- the land. The hills were covered with the beggars description and language limps nures, purchase smaller quantities of com- shadow of it, and broughs thereof were like away, unable to bear such glories up. The mercial manures and at the same time the goodly cedar. She sent out her boughs steeple of the Methodist Church looked watch careful that their pride does not get unto the sea and the branches unto the as if it was trying to shoot its sparkling which will destroy their freedom and busi- the piney plains of the east, adorned the We expect the Holiday number of the beams against the very walls of Heaven. ness manhood. Let disappointed political hills of the middle country and beautified

that "the course of true love never runs toward it with very rapid steps, smooth." It seems that a young swain had left home the Sunday before with the trated on the floor? And yet with unsintention of calling on two of grateful foot you are treading on her Wayne's loveliest, liveliest and most ac- heart and crushing out its life and joycomplished daughters. He appears to be no. I needn't say 'joy', for that is a word a little smitten with one; but that one, un- we have long ago ceased to use, because fortunately for the high hopes he had en- you have taken it away from us. Of tertained of a long and loving tete-a-tete, course, we have to meet our friends with was off on a visit with one of upper smiles, but they little know of the bitterfriend hitched up and started for the house God, you must be somewhere else. of the fair ones. Arriving there, they met "Will not these considerations induce 19,171 ble surprise. The young lady had not re- And may God help you, for he can and turned, but they found a bewitching and he will, if you earnsetly ask bim. not too young to love nor too old to marry. father." 2,527 But it was not long before the absent one 45,975 returned, and then Adonis found himself 2,527 two ways of escape, however, but the soft a bruised reed; and he who dispises a weak 55,530 brown eye, the melting blue, he could not spark of faith in a little one, quenches choose between the two." There was smioking flax.

2,235 | quite a party assembled by this time, and 5,225 they made merry the flitting moments 2,954 with such plays as "please or displease," public courtship, etc. And just here let me say that however well they liked the game of "public courtship, I suspect they sary one half of their present farm and Adding all other Methodists in N. C. liked that one called private better; for it pay their debts and curtail their future to the 80,000 in N. C. Conference, we is sweeter and older and has been played operation so as to profit by past experience figure up about 200,000 Methodists in our ever since Adam whispered the sweet or cling to their farms and grapple with a State-the result of 120 years of Methodis- story in the ears of Eve, and will be played by the youths and maidens of our land till At the time of the division there were the end of time. The old, sweet story of breakfast, he started again, and after do call you "Major Jones," let not that spiritual work it has done in developing the | ful yet. The prize will be all the sweeter

"Be sure to be off with the old love. Before you're on with the new," Or you run the risk of womans' scorn, And a sky high kicking too.

A STRONG LETTER

The following letter, taken from the Covington Commonwealth, was evidently written by a father to his son of dissi-

"MY DEAR SON:-What would you think of yourself if you should come to our bedside every night, and, wakening us, tell us that you would not allow us to sleep any more? That is just what you are doing; and that is just why I am up here a little after midnight writing to you. Your mother is nearly worn out with turning from side to side, and with sighing, because, you won't let her sleep. That mother, who nursed you in your childhood, and looked with pride and joy upon as you were growing up to manhood, as she counted on the comfort and support you would give her in her declining years.

"We read of a most barbarous manner in which one of the Oriental nations punishes some of its criminals. It is by cutting the flesh from the body in small pieces-slowly cutting off the limbs, beginning with the fingers and toes, one joint at a time, until the wretched victim dies. That is just what you are doing; you are killing your mother by inches. You have planted many of the white hairs that are appearing so thickly in her head before the time.-Your cruel hand is drawing the lines of sorrow on her face, making her look prematurely old. You might as well stick your knife into her A few days ago, as the writer was travel- body every time you come near her, for ling through that portion of Johnston your conduct is stabbing her to the heart. which joins Wayne, he heard of an incident You might as well bring her coffin and (or accident) which verifies the old adage force her into it, for you are pressing her

"Would you tread on her body if pros-

with a sad disappointment and an agreea- you to quit at once, and for all time? enticing maiden, of that delightful age- "Your affectionate but sorrow-stricken

He that holds not out his hand to a sin-42,513 between two fires, as it were. There were ner bears his brother's burden, breaks