

LOCAL.

SEVERAL questions of a local character have been deferred from week to week...

This holy day has been set apart by God, as a day of rest and religious devotion...

Beside this, you have an influence which justly and rightly belongs to your own church...

If you wish to visit your neighbor to discuss politics, (you had best let that alone)...

One other remark and I close this article. When you carry your produce to market...

A Cure for Anger.

Two little sisters—one seven, and the other five years old—were playing together...

Praying for Father.—A dear little girl had been taught to pray especially for her father...

TEMPERANCE.

Temperance is in order to health; temperance in eating and drinking; and long life is one of its rewards.

We hear a good deal about temperance. The drunken man, whether he drink be gin or champagne...

I need not repeat any common-places in regard to the lasting effect of early impressions...

And when I say that I have been, for long years, almost dependent upon the North for our school books...

Long before the war we all felt the necessity for a change in this respect—the necessity for unobnoxious school books...

To fully meet the want thus universally felt, several of our ripest scholars, and most successful teachers...

Holmes wrote History, Grammars and Readers. Schiele de Vere wrote French Books...

And the combined series is called the University Series or School Books; a series not only not objectionable to our people...

Then as to intrinsic merit, who knows more about Geography than Maury, or of History and Grammar than Holmes...

It is for this series of books, so excellent, so acceptable, so cheap (they are the cheapest books published) that your favor is solicited.

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Are these books equal to any in merit? Are they as cheap as any?

Should they not receive your preference? What is more reasonable than that Southern Schools should be supplied with books written by Southern scholars...

Already the response which was inevitable, to this question has come. More than 5,000 of our best Southern Schools are using these books...

Do the people of the South desire to rid themselves of obnoxious books and pernicious teachings? Can it be better done than by unanimously sustaining this first comprehensive educational enterprise...

Expanding that looks to the future, elevates human nature; for never is life so pure, or so little, as when occupied with the present.

JUVENILE.

A Riddle.—Little readers of the Sun—As your correspondent has been silent for several weeks...

This subject, in all its bearings, is of the highest importance to us as a people, my countrymen. It is not a sectional movement...

It is an enterprise so important to us that our best citizens—our representative men in every State, to the number of 300 and more...

Will the teachers and parents of the South unitedly sustain these authors, and these gentlemen, in the work thus described...

If you desire further information in regard to the books, write to the University Publishing Company, 155 & 157 Crosby St., New York...

J. B. GORDON.

Toward Sodom.

The preacher's theme grew out of that sad story of Lot—a story full of lessons for us all.

You know when Lot divided the land with his covetous relative, he pitched his tent toward Sodom. Why? Because self-interest, as he believed, centered there...

And there are many men to-day pitching their tent toward Sodom. Men of politics, who make use of unworthy means to accomplish political success...

Toward Sodom! Sodom was laid in ashes, yet Sodom exists even now. In ruins centuries ago, it is still to thousands of people a delightful city of gain and all good things...

Toward Sodom! "Every road leads to the world's end," read an old legend. It were sad indeed, if many were to reach the world's end through Sodom...

Our Dwellings.

Ab! if one could go through all his soul, hall by hall, chamber by chamber, story by story, and see how vast the mansion is, how it gets out of repair on every side...

And yet, some shingle is off, some paint is gone, some glass is broken, rats and mice are in the walls and in partitions...

Praying for Father.—A dear little girl had been taught to pray especially for her father. He had been suddenly taken away...

An aged Christian, just as he was passing away, said, "I am just beginning to live. This life is not all of life, it is only the first step."

Wir is not leveled so much at the muscles as at the heart; and the latter will sometimes smile when there is not a single wrinkle on the cheek.

GENERAL NEWS.

The Protestant Churchman occurs to us that our church danger similar to that of the Unitarians. Among us, in the same way...

Without the Bible.

Take away the Bible and you take away all the angels. Not a single cherub or seraph; not a single throne or dominion...

And so of the Holy Spirit, take away the Bible, and the Spirit becomes a ghost indeed, or rather less than a ghost...

Teachers, like all other Christian workers, are too ready to exalt themselves and their own plans, to the disregard of the Spirit, which works through all plans...

The Sunday School teacher, to succeed with his pupils, has only to be a success himself. He must be filled with that which he seeks to pour in...

His love must go out so evidently toward God and toward pupils that it shall be recognized as the mainspring of his teaching...

Lay up Things in Your Brains. Daniel Webster once told a good anecdote in a speech. When asked where he got it, he said, "I have had it laid up in my head for fourteen years, and never had a good chance to use it till to-day."

My little friend wants to know what good it will do to learn the "rule of three" or to commit a verse of the Bible or the catechism. The answer is this: Some time you will need that "very thing."

A man walking through the deep snow heard his oldest son saying, "I'll step in father's tracks." He was trying to do it, and two younger brothers were at the same thing...

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Be kind one to another.

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The Touchstone of Success.

The secret of a Sunday School teacher's success has been sought far and near, and has been discussed with no little earnestness at conventions, and by the press...

All true secrets are the Lord's, and are given into the possession of those that fear him and hope in his mercy. They cannot be discovered by any intellectual process...

Even the crucible of experience, which reveals so many of the subordinate conditions of success, will not give up the one fact which makes them of use...

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FARM AND GARDEN.

Essentials to Productive Farming. The following sixteen essentials for productive farming are from the pen of Gen. Wm. Richardson:

1. Good implements of husbandry, and plenty of them, which should always be kept in perfect order.

2. Deep plowing and thorough pulverization of the soil by the use of harrow, drag and roller.

3. An application of lime, marl or ashes, where calcareous matter or potash may not be present in the soil.

4. A systematic husbandry of every substance on a farm capable of being converted into manure, as a systematic protection of such substances from loss by evaporation or waste of any kind...

5. The drainage of all wet lands, so as to relieve the roots of the plants from the ill effects of a superabundance of water...

6. Attention to the construction of and repair of fences, so that what is made through the tools and anxious cares of the husbandman, may not be lost through his neglect...

7. Daily personal superintendence on the part of the master over all the operations of the farm, no matter how good a manager he may have, or however faithful his hands...

8. Labor-saving machinery, so that one may render himself as independent as needful of neighborhood labor; as a sense of the comparative indulgence of the employer upon such labor begets a disposition of obedience and faithfulness on the part of the employee.

9. Comfortable stabling and sheds for horses and stock, all the necessary outbuildings for the accommodation of the hands and protection of the tools and implements, as well as for the care of the poultry.

10. Clover and other grasses to form a part of the rotation of crops, and these to be at proper periods plowed in to form manure for succeeding crops...

11. To keep no more stock than can be well kept, but be sure to keep as many as can be kept in good condition, as it is a wise policy to feed as much as possible of the crops grown on the farm...

12. To provide a good orchard and garden; one to be filled with choice fruits of all kinds—and other with vegetables of different sorts, early and late; so that the table may at all times be well and seasonably supplied, and the surplus contribute to increase the wealth of the proprietor.

13. The taking of one or more good agricultural papers.

14. It is better to cut grain just before it is fully or dead ripe. When the straw immediately before the grain is so dry that on twisting it no juice is extracted, it should be cut, for there is then no circulation of juice to the ear.

Soot as a Manure. It may not be generally known that soot is a powerful and valuable manure—nearly as much so, (says an exchange) as guano, bulk for bulk, and the saving of it need cost little or nothing. It is, in fact, necessary to the safety of every house that it be carefully collected and removed from the premises...

Soot contains a considerable proportion of ammonia, and, on this account is very beneficial to nearly all kinds of plants; but it should be used with caution, as it is too powerful for the tender leaves of most plants, and requires to be composted with ten times its bulk of muck, etc., or diluted with a large quantity of water...

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