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How these old men do cling together, almost every day brings a good kind letter from some venerable man who is alone or has a community of interest with me, and wishes to write, for he knows that I will listen. There are many more of them living than I thought, for he man grow silent as they near the end. They pender and rumbests, het nid men grow silent as they near the end. They pender and rumbests, het nid in giving to most of them children said shiften's children to constort them and to brighten up the passing hours. An oil man meat be forcer, indeed, who has some of these. Charles Lamb, in his old and mallow days, wrote selly when he said:

"Where are my plut maics, the companions of my child-and in the joyful school days, All, all are gone—the old familiar faces goes before to that unknown and ellent shore." But Lamb was wifeless and childism and had a right to be said. He should have adapted some bright little orphan child who would love him and call him father and cling to him is his declining years. Every old hatchelor should. I have just received a letter from an old and forgotten friend whom I knew in the long ago and supponed was dead. He is marring his four-score years, but writes the same old school-master hand that his generation were laught to write. He is in good health and strong wind and loves to commune with memories of the past—the helegon days, as he calls abeten. I wender how thany college hops know that the pastity word haleyon—als, the sae, and oun, an egg. My friend's name is J. J. Riebards and he is the survivor of the three brothers William C. and T. Address Richards, who were our foremost literary men away back in the forties. They published "tieocytis flustrated" and the Orion Maganine, flust many beautiful legends of the Cherokee Indians.

This brother published a were paper called The Boldism's Friend, of which I lawe assae copies issued in 1864. in en that becaste This brother published a war paper called The Soldier's Friend, of which I have some copies issued in 1864, in Agusta, Ga., and are little gema, both in editorial and selected matter. He need lives not far from McPherson barracks: need a thinks need to the n to taxing will take the place of in editorial and selected matter. He now lives not far from MaPherson barvests, mear Atlanta, and is the postmanter at Golden Gate, and still finds time and pleasure in writing poetry when the spirit moves him. He too, has added some verses to "John Anderson, My Joe." These old men do not like the way that Burns left John and his spouse sleeping at the foot of the hill, but want them to rise again and enjoy heaves. Wellace Reed ought to go out to that fielden Gate and interview Mr. Richards and chroniels some of his memories, for he is about the only literary link between the present and the past. These pionears should not be forgotten. Most all pioneers are. We cat the fruit of the orchards and vineyards and take no consern about who planted them. Not a dozen people in Rome, a city of 13,000 people, know who planted the trees that give such magnificent shade around the churches, or who first laid out and ornamented the beautiful Myrtle hill consetery. Who knows of the long and patient toil of Mark A. Cooper in developing and building up the iron industry of Cherchee, Georgia? What engineer sought and found the winding way for a railroad from Atlanta to Chattanooga nearly sixty years ago and planned all its curver and spanned the rivers and greaks with WARRINGSON, May L.—The follow-on collection has been received from Admired Downy;
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bridges? Not long ago I saked a conductor on the Hashville and Chattaneogo railroad to tell me who planned
timb Magnificent work across the
Cumberland mountains, and he could
not tell me. Who founded old Franklin college, now the University of
Georgia, and who conceived and projected the establishment of the
Wesleyum Female college the first female college in the world? The anti-

jested the establishment of the Wesleyan Penale college the first feunale college in the world? The antiquaries and ruble hasters will pay big prices for old things, such as ancient soins and furniture and curies, but care nothing for the pioness of our divitioning, the men who cleared the wilderness and bland the way for the guessration to come. This reminds me that a one-armed Confederate soldier who is now pisched with poverty wishes to sell two very old volumes that were published in 1542:—the "Diad" and "Odynesy" of Homer. The binding is to whitch leather with raised images sed flowers stamped on it sad the autographs on the title page are Albert. Prince Glemberrie, and Pfilip Melanchthon. And there is a Latin inscription as follows: "Sem Johani Courad! Rheumati, 1815."

How if this he Melanchthon's genuius autograph these volumes are of great historie value, for no greater man has lived or died in all these centuries—the man at whose feet Luther men station—the man at whose feet Luther men surgery them to the profound is his learning, how exalted is vision." These two—Luther and Melanchthos—sleep side by side in Withenston, and is 1860 the king of Prussia consisted over his grave a beautiful monument—a duplicate of that over Luther's. I do not know what evidence this vetsean has that Melanchthos over owned these sucient volumes, but I will know. It is certain, however, that they were published in his day and he could have owned them.

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Charles to contact of

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ABOUT COAL AND GAS.

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Some few weeks ago we carprised the people by a communication on natural gas, but behold the half was not told. There is more gas than we said, end on investigation we find there a sum of coal more than fifty feet wide, and there are in this coal measure more than sixty workable seams, containing anthracite, semi-anthracite and bituminous coals.

Some one will say how does that crack know that? Call me a crank if you choose; it takes a crank to turn such mechinery as thin. History says in Scotland they have one hundred seams of coal, but only fifteen have been worked. How do they know the other sighty five are there? Simply by the out-crop, so I know here by the sign or out-crop. I can tell a coal same as easy as I can tell a potate row and sometimes better, because I can see it further. Some fullow will say "I don't believe the gas tale now." I don't blame you not to believe, but if you had the evidence I have, and then did not believe I would think very strange. I go farther and say we have the finest coal field in the world, no where have they such a variety of coal only in Fennaylvania, and there the seams are not as large us coars; no I say ours is the best. I have a history of every coal mine in the world, that he any good, and in none are the measus so wide as here.

You may talk about your gold and copper mines and their value. They are infinitesimal (very small) compared with the iron and coal of this Fiedmont region. You say, "He has gone wild, how can we believe him?" Very well, time proves all things. Ten years from now this will read like prophecy fulfilled.

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I have sent this hard glance coal to 30 geologists, chemists, and experts, and only one resognized it se being you, some said iron ore, some tim ore, and some ne good for anything. Both the Geological and Agricultural departments of Morth Carolina have ignored or condemned it. I have said for two years that it is anthracite coal, and have proved it to-day by burning it in the presence of witnesses. Let me add a few words to real estate owners. As soon as it is known that coal is hers, sharpers will be here from all over the world to bond your land. You have plowed over large beds of coal all your life, and you may part with your land too cheap. When I found coal was here I had hundreds of blank itens, and could have got land very low, but I did not choose to do so, but went and had some blanks printed giving me an interest, so I take an interest and as I go up you go up too, and we are partners mutually interested, and both can have a may so in the sale of the land.

I think I have carved an interest in your land, and I will do you right, but if you don't choose to give me any, we will not fall out about it. I will examine land and tell the farmers what I think about their lands.

Papers in this Predmont region, friendly to the development of this coal will please publish this communicarion, and the certificate also.

F. R. Elam.

King's Mountain, N. C., May 2.

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Here is a certificate by those who have seen the ceal:

We the citizens of Gastonia and Beasomer City. N. C., certify that we saw Rev. P. B. Elam put what he called anthracite coal in a blacksmith shop tire-place, and it burned with a white heat, feeble blue blaze, and very little smoke. He says the coal is found in Gaston County, N. C., and the seam is not less than fifty feet wide.

As to Gestonia: W. P. Marshalt, Editor of THE UA-

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UNDER A FLAG OF TRUCK

SacArthur Sends Honey and Provin-ions for American Prisoners and Asks for an Exchange. MANTLA, May 2, 8:25 s. m .- Genera

Ashe for an Exchange.

MANTLA, May 2, 8:25 a. m.— General Mandarthur has sent officers to General Antonio Lums. the Philipino communder, under a flag of truce, carrying senses in his bands, and soking an exchange of prisoners, and the names of such as he may have.

It is reported that the insurgents have two officers and sixteen others, and it is supposed that among those are Lieutenant Gilmore and 11 men of the crew of the United States gun-boat Yorktown, who fail into the hands of the Filipinos last mouth, when the gun-boat visited Baler, on the east come of Lunes. Major Bella, with a squad of secuta, has captured the town of Macalaska, about four relies southwest of Calcampit, the people ringing bells and shouting "vivas."

8:25 a. m.—The American army is employing Macababers instead of Chinamen and they are delighted to get 50 cents a day, declaring their loyalty to the Americans. He has organized a band of 40 scouts to go shead of the column. The band, which is under Mr. W. M. Young, as old Indian Aghter, who killed five Filipinos last week, includes Diamond, Harrington, Honserfield and Murphy, of the Second Oregon Regiment.

Testarday the aniversary of the battle of Manile Bay was observed by the I'mited State flees, the usual drill being omitted. Admiral Dewey had many visitors and the American and British merchantmen dressed ship.

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tional mash to the order of spain.

Washington, May 1.—The last move in the negotiations terminating the war with spain occurred to-day When Senstary Hay paid to the Franch ambussador, M. Cambon, the \$20,000,000 provided by the treaty of passes, for the occasion of the Philippines. The payment was made in four Treasury warrants of \$5,000,000 each, and was receipted for by M. Cambon as completely liquidating the obligation of the United States in this connection. The ambussador deposited the \$20,000,000 in the Rigge, National Bank of this city, and the cashing of the warrants is expected to be made later through the City National Bank, or New York. The Spanish, government was notified by eable of the payment, but nothing will be done as to forwarding the funds to Europe until Spain directs the exact course to be pursued.

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It is expected that the warrants for the \$2,000,000 will reach the New York sub-Treasury to-morrow, and that exchange for the eatire \$20,000,000 will be parchased by Spain's representative in the local market. Dealers were of the opinion this afternoon that exchange for about three-quarters of the amount of indemnity had already been gathered and that the remainder would be obtained without further advance in rates.

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The treasury Department has taken steps to prevent the photographing of the warrants for the payment of the \$30,000,000 to Spain for the Philippines because abuse of the privilege might lead to the counterfeiting of government securities. Miss Frances E. Johnson, a well-known local photographer, was called upon to-day to surrender plates of photographs which she had made of the warrants in question, and willingly did so on the representations of the Secret Service of ficiels.

BISHOP TURNER'S VIEWS.

He Mays it is Manifestly the Will of God That the Negro Shall go Back to Africa.

Athems, Ga., Disparch, April 38th.

Bishop Henry M. Turner, preached to-day at Bethel Methodist Episcopal church and to the white people at the court house. The sermon to the negroes urged them to ecoduct themselves aright and to teach their children to observe law and religion. He said the newspapers of Georgia had done the negro preachess a great injustice by saying they were not presching to their congregations against the crimes of murder, rape and arson. He said the ministers did preach against such crimes; he always did, and that the newspapers, as a rule, knew as much about what the negro preachers were saying as a gang of monkeys, for they did not, in many instances, have reporters at churches to report the sermous.

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During his address to the white people, Bishop Turner said he would prefer to see his people, the black race, again to slavery, since slavery afforded them protection; than in their present condition. He sees little future in this country for the negro to competition with the white race. He does not believe it possible to bring about assimilation of equality lack of which there must continue to be race prejudices. The negro was brought to America, he said, by divine will, and taught hy example the basis of a high civilization. New it is manifestly the will of God that the negro should go back to Africa and civilize the savaguraces there. The race question, he concluded, would never be settled until the black man returned to his native country.

BREEADED BEFORE DRAD.

Auklwad, N. Z., April 27.—Particulars of the fighting in Samos, contained in the advices received here from Apia under the date of April 18th, show that the battle between the friendly natives and the rebels took place at Vailelo and that the latter loat 100 men killed and wounded.

Further details of the death of Ensign J. S. Monagean, of the United Further dutails of the death of Ensign J. S. Monaghan, of the United States cruiser Philadelphia and Lieutenant P. V. Lansdale, of the same vessel, have been received. They show that Monaghan was beheaded before he was dead. A deserter from the Matanfan forces says Monaghan and Langdale were retreating when they were discovered by a chief and his wife, who were looking for dead men. They gave the sharm and Monaghan was shot while continuing the retreat. Later, it appears the rebels returned and killed Lanadale, Monaghan fought until he was wounded and he was then beheaded. The doctors' examination of the remains confirms the statements mades.

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Dun's Saturday Review.
All elements considered, it is rather surprising that business has not been set back a little.

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The uncertainty about Samoa and the prolonging of difficulty in the Philippines night have counted for something, the rising imports and falling exports for something, the rise in foreign exchange by some attributed to foreign sales of copper stocks, and the hiodranes of manufacturing orders owing to the recent advance in prices. But there has been full faith that foreign difficulties would soon be cleared away, and the movement in exchange ingustrially connected with speculation rather than legitimate operations since secounts of trade still indicate a large excess of exports.

After every rise in prices unsufactured consumption with increased production will make them difficulty, but the combinations formed and extended still show prevailing belief that no deager point is sear.

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The North Carolina Teacher's Assembly will meet at Morehead City June 18th to 18th. Full information may be had from Secretary W. T. Whitest, at Whitest, N. C.

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