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POSTMASTER, - - - W. E. Williams.

COTTON QUOTATIONS.
FRIDAY EVENING.
Ordinary, - - - 11 1-2 & 12
Good Ordinary, - - - 12 1-2 & 13
Low Middling, - - - 13
Strict Middling, - - -

TOWN CRIER.

THE VICTIM.
A mother sits by the glowing hearth,
And she dreams of the days that will
come no more,
When the cottage echoed with youthful
mirth
And the patter of feet on the kitchen
floor;
When three little jackets in a row
With three little hats hung on the wall,
And three soft voices whispered low
The prayer the mother had taught to
all.
But the ruddy rays of the firelight
Checker a floor that is silent now,
And the mother's hand in vain to-night
Reaches in search of an upturned brow;
And the three little pegs stand brown and
bare,
And the mother cries: "Oh! but to see
The three little jackets hanging there,
And the three fair boys who knelt by
me."

We would call attention to the
piece of poetry at the head of this
column, and would say, for the in-
formation of the public, that the
poet of the News is not the author of
"The Victim."

Nothing that we have witnessed
has so convinced us of the almost
barbarism of a certain class as the
spectacle of yesterday. As the Gov-
ernor said in answer to one of the
many telegrams sent to him: "Are
the people of Orangeburg thirsting
for blood? I can't understand
it." O tempora! O mores!

OFFICE SCHOOL COMMISSIONER,
ORANGEBURG COUNTY,
March 12, 1875.
Teachers and all other parties who
hold legitimate school claims against
this county, due prior to November,
1873, will please report them im-
mediately at my office, for registra-
tion.
THOMAS PHILLIPS,
School Commissioner.

THE NEXT TERM AT THE CLAFLIN UNI-
VERSITY AND AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE.
The next term at this institution will
commence on Tuesday the 30th inst.
Dr. Cooke and his able assistants are
giving, and will continue to give,
careful attention to each department
of this prosperous institution. The
terms are liberal, the accommodations
and advantages superior. A large
attendance is expected.

Do THYSELF NO HARM. The News
of last week, under the caption of
"County Auditors," while venting
its spleen upon our State Treasurer,
made the following remarks, which
may be taken in a reflective as well
as a reflecting sense: "We say to the
General Assembly, put the seal of
your condemnation upon those who
have damned us by their thievery,
and if that doesn't stop them, let us
all come together and break their
durned infernal necks!" If the News
is absolutely bent upon such a suicidal
policy it is the duty of all good citi-
zens to submit with resignation.

Yesterday the streets were crowded
with a crowd of very large proportions,
which came in to witness the death
agonies of a fellow human being.—
But the Governor had wisely and
mercifully reprieved Auld for two
weeks. Auld had himself written to
the Governor praying for longer time
to prepare for death. There is no
hope that his sentence will be com-
muted to imprisonment for life. This
short respite is granted only that he
may prepare himself for eternity. We
hope the sheriff will not allow any one
to visit Auld except those he may call
for, and his spiritual advisers. Many,
just to satisfy a morbid curiosity, are
eager to visit the prisoner, but all such
should be excluded, and Auld should
have every opportunity that can be

afforded to prepare himself for his
inevitable fate.

RESPITED.
Upon application to Governor
Chamberlain, William Auld, who was
sentenced by Judge Reed at the Janu-
ary term of court to be hanged on
the 19th of March, has been respited
for two weeks. Governor Chamber-
lain's action in the matter is deserv-
ing of the highest commendation from
the Christian community. Not that
we believe in the too high exercise of
executive power, in interfering with
the decisions of the courts of the
country, but for the better reasons
which follow:

1st. William Auld is an intelli-
gent man, he realizes the heinousness
of his crime, and that, unless par-
doned by the mercies of God, through
Christ, he cannot be saved in Heaven.
2d. This preparation has not been
completely made.

The writer has visited the prisoner
from time to time; conversed with
him, and find that his sentiments are in-
telligently expressed in regard to his
hopes of a pardon. Two weeks may
prove to him an eternity of happiness;
while if to-day he is ushered into the
presence of a just God, he might be
consigned to a second death. Upon
these grounds the Governor extended
the time of his execution until the 2d
day of April, at which time, in strict
accordance with the justice of the law,
he will inevitably be executed. This
is an act of mercy, not to the body,
but to the soul.

Respectfully,
REV. GEO. A. HOUGH.

Is there a God?
How eloquently does Chateaubriand
reply to this inquiry: "There is a
God!" The herbs of the valley, the
cedars of the mountains bless Him;
the insects sport in His beams; the
elephant salutes Him with the rising
orb of day; the thunder proclaims
Him in the Heavens; the ocean de-
clares His greatness; man alone has
said, "There is no God!" Unite in
thought at the same instant the most
beautiful objects in nature: suppose
you see at once all the hours of the
day and all the seasons of the year—a
morn of spring and a morning of
autumn; night bespangled with stars
and a night covered with clouds;—
meadows enobled with flowers and
forests heavy with snow; fields gilt-
ed by tints of autumn; then alone
you will have a just conception of the
universe. While you are gazing on
the sun which is plunging under the
vault of the West, another observer
admires Him emerging from the gilt-
ed of the East. By what inconceiv-
able magic does that aged star, which
is sinking fatigued and burning in
the shade of the evening, re-appear at
the same instant fresh and humid with
the rosy dews of morning? At every
instant of the day the glorious orb is
once rising, resplendent at noon-day,
and setting in the West; or rather
our senses deceive us, West, or North,
or South in the world. Everything
reduces itself to a single point, from
whence the king of day sends forth at
once a triple light in one substance.
The bright splendor is, perhaps, that
while nature can present us an idea
of the perpetual magnificence and re-
sistless power of God, it exhibits at
the same time a shiing image of the
glorious integrity.

Half a Victory.
I will tell you how it was. Jack
had been told he must not go and see
a certain boy called Sam, without
asking his father's permission. Sam
lived in a place where there were a
great many boys, and Jack loved
dearly to be with him. There were
many things to play with, and every-
thing was very pleasant, and every-
thing was very pleasant, and every-
thing was very pleasant. One day
some of the boys said to Jack:
"Come, let's go down to Sam's."
So Jack started to go along with
them, although he was not doing
right; but after he had gone some dis-
tance his conscience troubled him so
much that he could not bear it any
longer. He was disobeying his father,
and he could not be happy. He de-
termined he would leave the boys,
run home and ask his father's per-
mission, and then he could go back with
a light heart. But he was ashamed
to tell this to the boys, so he pre-
tended he did not want to go any far-
ther, and said:
"O, boys, I don't care to go down
there. I am going home."

So he started back to ask his
father's permission. This was given,
and he went off merrily, almost over-
taking the boys in his haste to get
there.

Now this was only half a victory.
It was better than nothing, but it was
not a high, good, honest victory. If
little Jack had done quite right he
would have said at first, "Boys, I
cannot go with you until I have asked
father." What would have been a
whole victory. He would have told
the truth and been obedient to.

Cross Words. "O," said a little
girl, bursting into tears upon hearing
of the death of a playmate, "I did
not know that was the last time I
had to speak kindly to Amy."
The last time they were together
she had spoken crossly to her, and
she thought of that last cross
word, which now lay heavily on her
heart.
Speak kindly to your brothers and
sister and school-fellows, when you
are talking to them, lest it may be
the last time you may have the op-
portunity.
Cross words are very sorrowful to
think of. Little children, love one
another.
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Since the unwise removal of the
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enlarged and extended in this section
and demands multiplication of a local or-
gan. The Charleston Advocate was for
two years published in Charleston. It
was during this eventful period in the
history of our cause in the South, one
of the most important auxiliaries of our
work. Its removal left a vacant place
which has not since been filled. It
is an old saying, "that blessings brighten
as they take their flight." This was em-
phatically true in reference to our paper
for this coast. Many were taken by sur-
prise at its sudden removal and were
anxious for its return. If we had been
as fully advertised of the wants and
wishes of the people in this section, be-
fore the transfer of that paper to Atlanta,
Ga., as we were after it was done, it
would never have gone from us. The
Methodist Advocate is a good paper and
ably conducted, but it is too distant from
the Atlantic coast to meet our local wants
in this section. Our work on this coast
differs in some particulars from our work
in the section of Atlanta, or the valley of
the Mississippi. Its peculiar phases can-
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tance from us, and are not conversant
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