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tor :- I have not thought. de I now think, that there is any of our Visitor. But I have ad with an unusual bold with the beginning of the New ear, and have concluded to furnish sone columns the following copy er recently addressed to a ong man, of more than ordinary and promise, who has to the mercantile business ning county. His name He has not been confirmed. inking that there may be many ar cases in the circle of the Visi tor's influence, and invoking God's sing to attend it. I submit the ble way, respond to a complimentwhint from the Editor's sauctum.

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emply consecrated to the God of of destiny. roor fathers, draws after you the pecial solicitude of the church, and -may I not say !- the special solicitade of heaven. Your name has the covenant of redemption have been invoked upon you in a special thich you should never cease to be rateful for. But you have counted this covenant an unholy thing, and so long as you refuse to personally assume the obligations and accept the blessings of that covenant, you do dishonor God and his holy Sacra-

y binds the other. to this covenant, which, in such a covenant. Then briefly:

Son's sake,) to give you His Holy better?

this all P We reply : yes, it is all. 1st, 1856, Rev. P. Shickel took charge I hope you will examine the articles of the several congregations in the and the proviso carefully. (1.) To County, and remained till 1869, when accept pardon is a confession that Rev. E. H. Jones was elected pastor. country of the German nant.) And this means that you for- four congregations, there are now and told what had sake your sins and yield yourself three separate independent pasto- behold the whole

upon you as a present duty.

You doubtless, have already and cess. You doubtless have felt already Amsterdam charge. sted me, and are aware that it is the pressure of its absorbing demands. or spiritual welfare that I have They will increase upon you and will Montgomery, Wythe and other counely in view. Indeed, there is no draw you unawares into a state of ties, give us the history of the Lufire to the creature who is unrec- indifference to the divine overture of theran church in those counties ? pardon and reconciliation, and into Your relation to the church, having an habitual forgetfulness of the coveen dedicated to God in holy bap- nant whose obligation is upon you. sm, and in the name of the Trinity. You may now be doubling the cape

"There is a time we know not when, To glory or despair.

There are other considerations that been, and is, associated with holy I might urge noon you as reasons for things, divine ordinances, heavenly present attention to this all impor-

company it with His blessing. Asking pardon for intruding unmanner, giving you a birth right, bidden upon your time, I subscribe myself your affectionate friend and

For the Lutheran Visitor A Bit of Lutheran History.

The Lutheran church in Sout Western Virginia was established Let us look at the terms of this by traveling missionaries-devoted, ovenant. A covenant is between self-sacrificing men. Their congrega-We or more parties, and embraces tions assembled in barns and private tipulations and conditions, which houses, and the privilege of worship being fulfilled on the one part sacred- was probably more appreciated than now with all our modern conveni-The plan of salvation is called the ences. The Lutheran church in Botecovenant of salvation," the "new tourt Co., Va., is connected with the ovenant," the "everlasting cove- history of this part of the State nant." This covenant is framed and The organization at Brick Union is rawn by God himself. The conside- the oldest in the County. The first ation, or ground thereof, is within preaching was held in barns and priimself, and He in sovereign grace vate houses by the traveling missionprescribes the conditions upon which ary, Pastor Flohr, we believe. The man can claim fulfilment on His constitution, register, and all busipart. So we have had nothing to do ness transactions are recorded in with the framing of it, nor with fur- German, and the organization bears nishing the reason for its drawing. the date of March the 28th, 1796. this it differs from the covenant. We see from these transactions that between man and man. It is there- great attention was paid to the chilfore a free offer of pardon and salva- dren of the church. A carefully seal to the covenant and perform the ent habits of many. We read that conditions. Will you solemnly and upon a certain day, "The church revocably set your hand and seal council met to try cases, when Mr. on personally ratify, confirm and as pended." At another time "____ Also "___ and __ were stantly for its success. First. The Father pledges (not for charged with immoral conduct, and gement as if you never had ing a falsehood and talking about her bath-school. Now, if some sustained." If the church at large bers of our churches shall be inter- Jesus was coming to most them. souls.

Spirit, to make you a new creature, After 1829 the transactions of the their efforts in its behalf enlisted, he to meet them. They had not gone ical, and plead that he knows noth viour. In doing this, we do not man, he is passing his last days in hourish and develop this new congregation are in English, and a will be the greatest benefactor that far till they met him. Jesus always ing of the contents—the forms and exalt ourselves or make our own peace and happiness, level and honthe, to help and comfort you and fit settled pastor came among them. the Sabbath school cause has found goes to meet those who go to me May the 1st, 1843, Rev. Gide n since it has had an existence. The him. No one ever overtakes Jesus, runs the edition through his press ? trary, all our effort secures the ex-This is the covenant: it has two Scherer took charge and was follow. Sabbath school work will be doubled All who come in contact with him The law of God is exceeding broad; altation of God. Much of our prayer ticles. But to this covenant is an- od by Rev. Samuel Sayford in March in its extent, influence and efficiency, meet him. He is more ready to be be ought to know the character of and almsgiving ought to be in secret, dexed this proviso; to wit, That you 1847. In November, 1848, Rev. and it will at once assume its true with as than we are to be with him; the publications be assists to issue. but there is no humility, nor grace like the reed pipes of an organ, are colemnly and carnestly accept God's Henry G. Bowers came in and re-place as a means of promoting the and as soon as we start for him he May a compositor who sets up of any kind, in keeping our faith usually concealed; but the gilded offer, as it is contained in the afore- mained till Nov. 1853, when Rev. V. interests of the cause of Christ.— starts for us. In the parable of the evil matter not escape responsibility secret, and hiding the candle of the parable of the evil matter not escape responsibility. amed articles. Do you ask, "Is F. Bolton became pastor. On May Religious Herald.

BOTETOURY.

Selections.

Church Members and Sabbath-Schools

Every church member ought to be a member of the Sabbath school. He ought to be connected with it is some capacity. If he is qualified to teach, and there is need for him in appointments. I hope you have not tant matter. But I have said enough this capacity, let him be a teacher. forgotten this fact. The blessings of for the present. May the Lord ac- If he is not able to teach, or has no the opportunity to do so, let him be a scholar. Let him be in that class which he is best fitted to enter. Th Sabbath school is not adapted to benefit the young alone, but the middle aged and the old also.

> There are in our country churches too many who are not identified with the Sabbath school, and who contribute nothing at all to its strength or usefulness. Some for one reason and some for another excuse themselves from taking a part. In many churches the school languishes, and is kept up with difficulty, because so many of the members of the church refuse to lend a helping hand. This is wrong, very wrong. If the Sabbath school is a good institution, and is, as we all believe, a valuable auxiliary in the work of extending the influence of the Gospel and building up the cause of Christ, then every christian should give it his aid, and labor to make it efficient. He should allow no trifling cause to prevent him from connecting himself with it, or from giving it strength and encouragement by his attendance.

The church member does not discharge his duty fully by simply con-

neighbors, but the charges were not devise a plan whereby all the memelf, (not for your sake, but for His would be more strict, would it not be ested, their connection with the Here was a whole city on their way May not a printer print an obschool and attendance secured, and to meet Jesus, and Jesus on his way scene or blasphemous book or period. adorn the doctrine of God, our Sa- the generous home of the noble wo-

A Sad Contrast

When Jesus had come into the fell on his neck and kissed him, cording to copy, you are a sinner, and therefore stand He remained till September, 1871, him two possessed with devils -- to meet sinners. If Jesus would be should not work in an office that what an unknown wealth of varied in need of pardon. (2.) To accept and was succeeded by Rev. J. B. There was there a herd of swine stand still, and we had to travel all takes in such jobs. pardon for Christ's sake is to confess Greiner, who remained but one year. feeding. At the request of the way back, we would never get Should a christian mason or brick- which God clothes the lilies of the that you do not deserve it. (3.) To At present that part of the County ils they were permitted to enter this to him. Sinner, Jesus wants to meet layer assist in building an idolatrous field. So a holy life receives and accept the offer of pardon as made has no Lutheran pastor. This one herd of swine. This was, perhaps, you. by God is an expression of belief, organization increased and new ones the first time that devils ever entered 4. When they becought The law of God is exceeding broad, powers and beauties in the letter. that He is willing and able to save. were formed, until in 1870, when real swine. They had often been in him to depart out of their coasts .- and it forbids all complicity with through the Spirit that gives it life. (4.) To accept the offer solemnly and there was one pastorate of four or swinish men, before. The swine, un. This was an awful request. Terrible idolatry or false doctrines. earnestly, is to yield yourself to the ganized congregations. Since 1870, like awinish men, became frightened, thought! a city requesting Jesus to Is there, then, no limit to human portion of the Scripture is historical power and guidance of the Holy instead of the whole County of Bote and ran into the gran They who depart out of their coasts! What responsibility ? None at all. We and concerns the lives and experience of the Holy instead of the whole County of Bote and ran into the gran and ran into t Spirit. (See article second of cove- tourt constituting one pastorate and kept the swine went into the city would you think of diseased persons, lare respe obedient to God's will and word. In rates, containing eight organized con- most Jesus; and what rance will not shield us if we might Thus God has adorned the doctrine other words, that you give yourself gregations and two mission points. they besought him that he would de- would you think of ignorant people have known. Who then can be that he makes known. The names entirely away to God to be saved in The Glade Creek pastorate contigu- part out of their contigue part ous to the rail road, is served by Dr. not, perhaps, in the Bible another ing him to depart out of their coast t but whosever will, may go to whom the world was not worthy, are Will you solemnly set your seal to Bittle, of Salem. The James River verse in which there is such a What would you think of a famish- Christ, and lay all his sins upon the brow of the covenant? Will you close in pastorate, contiguous to James River, sad contrast between the begin- ing city meeting him who has bread, that glorious substitute, who has heavenly wisdom. with your heavenly Father in this is served by Rev. J. B. Greiner. The ning and the close as there is in and beseeching him to depart out borne them in his own body on the covenant of redemption? Will you Amsterdam pastorate, lying around this one. The first part is so hope of their coast? What would you tree. But let him who names the unreservedly accept the blessed over- that village, and consisting of four ful, so promising-a shole city going think of thirsting travelers filling up ture ! I most affectionately urge it congregations, including the original to meet Jusus. The second part is the only well in the desert? What organization at Brick Union, is now so hopeless, so disastrons a whole would you think of shipwrecked mar-You are just entering upon anoth- vacant, and desires a pastor. The city beseeching Jesus to depart out iners beseeching men, with life-boats, er year. God has graciously spared great scarcity of Ministers in our of their coasts. The first part of the to depart from them? More than you during a long rejection of cove. Synod is to be deplored. Many who verse is a step heave ward; the sec. all this was done when they asked the same as to make a thing beauti- links that bind together the circle of We Dear Friend :- I know not that nanted mercy. But He may not do were raised and educated by it have oud part of the verse is a step hell- Jesus to depart. Strange that these ful. We do the first, that we may adornment, for the doctrine of God, communication from me of the it during this year. Are you willing gone to more inviting fields, and left ward. The first park of the verse Gadarenes did this. Strange that do the last. An artist makes a our Saviour.—New York Observer. recter which this shall bear, will to risk it? Will you hazard the dan- the home work alone. We hope represents a dying city going to men and women will do this still, beautiful statue, but the statue redit for unselfishuess of motive, nual round of lawless, helpless inde- homes will turn their attention to represents a dying wants to save him; but he says, ful. We use beauty to adorn. This an earnest desire for your wel- pendency ! O, pause, and bring the Synod of South-Western Virginia, the Life-giver to depart from them. "Depart," Jesus meets that young is beauty's work. Foliage is beauty's work. Mr. G. W. Rader, Blue Ridge, Bote. They not only ask him to depart out lady, and wants to cure her; but she ful, but it adorus the hills. The hills asure than to contribute | Moreover, you are just fairly enter- tourt Co., Va., will correspond with of their city, but to depart out of says, "Depart." He wants to enter are beautiful, but they adorn the ed upon the race for commercial suc- any one desiring a position in the their coasts, as if the farther away that family in which father, mother, landscape. All this beauty is a minthe better. They not only turn their and children are diseased, to heal istering spirit, sent forth to make Will not the pasters in Roanoke, backs on him, but they ask him to them; but father or mother or child something else more beautiful, deturn his back on them. This was go out to meet him, and beseech him sirable and illustrious. not the only time that Jesus received to depart. such treatment. In the synagogue 5. They eronged Jesus. He did noth disciples in the humblest class, so want. Many persons would have he was treated in this manner. In ing to merit such treatment. Such living that they adorn the doctrine driven her away, but a glance at her Capernaum he was treated in this treatment a very bad man deserves, of God our Saviour. We do not face struck pity to his heart, and he manner. In Jerusalem he received The man who is infected with a con- know of a similar expression in took her into his house, warmed her the same treatment, when one day tagions disease gets such treatment. Scripture. There are many pas. by the fire, fed her at his table, and the whole multitude tried, "Hosan The man who teaches doctrines to sages where christian graces are clothed her in the warm cast-off gar-

hearing of a thing. When Christ & A. M., in Rel. Telescope. sat at Jacob's well, a woman of Samaria came along. After an interview with Jesus, she left her waternot and went back into the city and tion upon condition, and an overture kept list is found containing their necting himself with the Sabbath told her all that she had ever done. all their consequences on those who seemly robes about her person, hange street stand, selling apples and cake in the solemn form of a covenant to names, date of birth, baptism, names school. He may be regular in his Many believed because of the saying purchase them, and saying purchase them, and saying purchase them, and saying purchase them. One day a runaway which the Almighty has set his seal. of parents and sponsors, and the attendance, active in the school, and of the woman. But some went out did not supply them, others would ! fastening clumsy trickets about her team overturned his stand and in thorough in his preparation for the to see Jesus; and when they return-That his Son has done and suffered, and constitution of the church were performance of the duties of his po- ed they said to the woman, "Now and it says, that it were better for a far as possible her beauty, they lift taken to the hospital, and a parato save those for whom he obeyed faithfully executed, some instances sition; still there is more to be done. we believe; not because graph of the accident appeared in and suffered, if they will put their being quite in contrast with the pres- He should work outside of the school ing, for we have heard him ourselves to cause another to offend. -for it as well as in it. He should and know that this is indeed the May not a book-seller sell an imlabor to extend its influence. He Christ, the Saviour of the world." should make efforts to bring into it So in religion. The strongest evi- that he has to supply all tastes, or who adds, as for him who takes a wealthy lady living in a neighbor those who will be benefited by it. dence we can get is to know for our that he never read the work f pecial way is held out to you? Will and profanity, found guilty and sus. He should give work, attention and selves. Men have told us; we may The law of God is exceeding broad, money to providing those an oppost have doubted. The best way for us and it teaches that no man should to give it a good position. Painters bed of the poor old man. In her une the vows made at your baptism? was tried for using improper lan- tunity of attending the school, who to do is to go and see. The best put a stumbling block in the way But you may ask to be informed guage and having a difficulty with are unable to provide it for them- way I know to get a man convinced another. To circulate a bad book is how their pictures hang, for they ognize the little girl he once befriend arther about the articles of this another person, and was expelled." selves. And he should pray con- of the truth of religion is for him to to aid its author to diffuse his infa- know how much a beautiful thing is ed. But such she was. She had get religion. Said a young man to mons views. Many plans are devised for inter. me, a few days ago, who embraced our sake, but for His Son's sake.) as they did not appear, they were ex- esting the children, and for securing religion recently, "Men may say of liquor, bad books, abortionists, &c., the height and surroundings of the She had never forgotten her first that He will fully and freely pardon pelled." Again, "The church countheir punctual and regular attend-Your sins, and treat you at the cil met and tried Mrs. -- for speak- ance upon the exercises of the Sab. peace in Jesus." That kind of evione dence is not easily overcome.

prodigal son, when he was yet a by saying he has nothing to do with word under a bed or a bushel.

great way off his father saw him and the sense, but only with the mechanhad compassion on him, and ran and ical process of setting the types ac- doctrine, like a holy life. A ray of sense there met That running father is Jesus, going The law of God is exceeding broad, tercept it with a prism, and behold

whose friends were already dead, thought, word and deed, and all are taught as much by incidents and came out to meeting the physician and beseech- their consequences; and even igno- facts as by didactic statemen

nah," and the next day they cried, corrupt morals deserves such treat. called ornaments, and where persons ments of his own little girl. He lis-"Crucify him." I will notice some ment. The man who would incite are spoken of as jewels. But this tened to her tale of sorrow, believed insurrection deserves such treatment, idea of believers adorning the teach. it, and with a basket of food and an 1. The made city Last aut to meet But Jesus had done pothing to merit ing of Christ is as peculiar as it is old though comfortable blanket, sen lesss. Such scenes have been rare such treatment. He cured a man striking. If it is "wasteful and ridic- her home, telling her to come to his n the world's history. Whole cities who was the terror of that country, ulous excess" to gild refined gold, to house whenever they needed food, have gone out to meet circuses. For this act they should have wel- paint the fily, to add another bue clothing or fuel. Whole cities have gone out to meet comed him. They had heard of the unto the rainbow, what must it be It seems the poor family struggled heroes. But it is a rare thing for man losing the swine, and perhaps to make more beautiful the doctrine on as best they could, and whenever whole city to go out to meet Jesus. they supposed if Jesus would come of God our Saviour? But it is not poverty pinched too bitterly, the girl There are few grander sights than into the city-they would have to lose impossible, as we may see when we came to the merchant's house for the this. It is grand to see a whole all their swine. So, rather than give look at the matter in the most prac- proffered charity, until her face befamily-father, mother, and children up the swine they would do without tical way. Even the humblest be- came quite familiar. -going to meet Jesus. It would be Jesus. And there are men to-day liever may adorn the doctrine by One day she came in great sorrow grand to see a whole congregation who hold on to their swine rather holding it in its purity. In this way and bitter weeping. Her mother going to meet Jesus. It would be than have Jesus. They have a herd chiefly are very rare and beautiful was dead, and she had no one to turn grand to see every inhabitant of a of swinish habits, and Jesus wants things adorned, as diamonds and to in bereavement of her little heart little village going to meet Jesus to drive them out, but they will not, other gems. Their best setting is but the kind merchant. He buried It would be grand to see a whole 6. They wronged themselves. They that which preserves from injury the poor, dead woman, and took the town going to meet Jesus. But could not have done a greater injury, and keeps them unsullied. We must girl to his home until he could, from grander than all these is it to see Hetter had they gone out and cut off preserve the doctrine in its simplici- the dying directions of the mother a whole city going to meet Jesus, their right arms. Retter had they ty, if we would make it appear write to her relations; for it seems Surely if there is joy in heaven over plucked out their right eyes. Better beautiful. Addition is more fatal to the mother had married against the one sinner that repenteth, there must have poisoned their air and water beauty than subtraction. Some of will of her parents, and had been have been joy in heaven when this than to have besought Jesus to de. the most valued marbles in the Va- disinherited. whole city was on its way to meet part. They becought him. This im- tican are fragments. Remove an During her life she had preferred plies that he was bent on saving arm or a portion of the body from a to remain in poverty, and obscurity them. So be is. He wants to save statue, and the rest may be still a rather than to appeal to her relatives. Jesus. Hearing was not enough, you, sinner. He comes time and wonder of beauty; but add a super- but at her death, pride was swallow-They had beard of him, but they again, but you beseech him to de fluous limb to a work of art, or pro- ed up in anxiety for her helples. were not satisfied with hearing - part. You now beseech him to de long an important feature, and the child. The relations came and took They resolved that they would see part, but after awhile you will say, whole is rained. How many seem to the child away, and then her where for themselves. Knowing a thing "Lord," when he will say, "De. forget all this in their treatment of abouts were lost to the merchant. is always stronger evidence than part from me; I never knew you." the doctrine. They are very strend. Years rolled by, and misfortune

Exceeding Broad.

told that she had seen a man who drinks, laying the responsibilty of a captive princess, putting on un- ways failed until he finally kept a

and it holds all guilty who in any Christ in the clear light of the faith. the paragraph in the papers. And 3. When they were going to meet way aid the adversary in destroying ful testimony, and make it appear to now the bread cast upon the waters

temple of any kind ?

Adorn the Doctrine.

ous about not giving up one jot or overtook our man of generous heart. tittle, but have no conscience what. Death of his family and bankrupter earer about adding according to the of his fortune left him a poor and most lawless fancy. Churches and desponding man. Many were the May not a man sell intoxicating sects have treated the doctrine like ways he strove to rise again, but al-The law of God is exceeding broad, limbs, and then, after disguising as jured him so severely that he was their doctrine is not admired. In the papers, with his name and a spiration that gives the doctrine, sketch of his life and failure. moral or infidel book upon the plea closes with a curse as great for him

of are very particular as to where and fine, generous face, he could not recadorned by having a good position. been educated by wealthy relations, May not a newspaper advertise Sculptors are equally careful about bad married well and lived in luxury. pedestal that is to sustain their work. benefactor, but had lost all traces of be what it truly is, a strong tower, a had been found, after many days,

But there is no adornment, for the light is pure and beautiful, but incolor, the gorgeous apparel with transmits the Gospel ray, revealing It is often remarked that a large

George Herbert says : "The Sundays of man's life. Threaded together on Time's string, Make bracelets to adorn the wife

Of the Eternal, Glorious King." But all the days of a holy life are To make a beautiful thing is not jewels, and Sundays are but golden

Bread Upon the Waters.

One of our exchanges tells the following pleasant little story:

Away back in the years thatfare gone, a rich merchant of New York. returning to his home one cold November evening, found a poor, bare footed child upon his doorstep, shiv-In writing to Titus, Paul speaks of ering and in tears from suffering and

This paragraph caught the eve of

ing city. She hastened to New York Another way to adorn doctrine is and to the hospital, and stood by the

placed in front for show,