

Choice Poetry.

RELIGION—WHAT IS IT!

By BISHOP REBER.

Is it to go to church to-day,

To look devout and seem to pray,

And ere the morn's sun goes down,

Be dealing slander through the town?

Does every sanctimonious face

Denote the certain reign of grace?

Does not a phiz that scowls at sin

Of veil hypocrisy within.

Is it to make our daily walk,

And of our own good deeds to talk,

Yet often practice secret crime,

And thus mislead our precious time?

Is it to seek or creed to fight,

To act our zeal the rule of right,

When we wish to be, at the best,

To see our church excel the rest?

Is it to wear the christian's dress,

And love to all mankind profess,

And treat with scorn the humble poor,

And bar against them every door?

Oh, no! religion means not this,

Its fruits more sweet and fairer is—

Its precept this: To others do

As you would have them do to you.

It grieves to hear an ill report,

And scorns with human voices to sport!

Of others' deeds it speaks no ill,

But tells of good or keeps it still.

And does religion this impart!

Then may its influence fill my heart!

Oh! haste that blissful, joyful day,

When all the earth may own its way!

MYSELF AND POLLY CARTER.

Bright is the tint of the Autumn leaf

When first the fall frost nips it;

Smart is red pepper and elder mixed,

To the mouth which gently sips it.

But brighter far than Autumn leaf,

Than Cayenne pepper smarter,

Is the pride of my heart—my own true love—

My little Polly Carter.

I loved her when a little girl,

And loved her more when older,

And never once shall I forget,

When first my love I told her:

She blushed, and sighed, and turned her head,

(Her eyes were filled with water):

I took her hand within my own

And whispered—"Polly Carter."

She only blushed a deeper red,

And sweeter looked than ever;

My heart it seemed to run a race

With my old "patent lever";

I told her that I loved her well,

And that I never would barter

For aught on earth, however prized,

The love of Polly Carter.

I told her that I had a farm—

Well tilled was every acre—

And that I had an snug farm house

To which I longed to take her:

And told her that unless she'd go,

For life I'd be a martyr

To Cupid's cause, and break my heart

For gentle Polly Carter.

She turned, and oh! how sweet she smiled

And said she loved me dearly:

Then what cared I for aught beside;

I was quite pleased or nearly;

The "old folks" said we might be wed,

And never did I feel smarter,

Than when the parson made us one,

Myself and Polly Carter.

THE GRADUATING CLASS AT OLD YALE, IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND FIFTY.

The graduating class at old Yale, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and odd, had a meeting the day before they were to be inducted into the ranks of Arts; and at this meeting it was agreed that each man should announce his intentions as to the profession he designed to pursue.

Ten years afterwards they would meet again, and compare the results of the record. Jenkins had been the fool of the class—By that good fortune which helps the lame and the lazy, he had made out to squeeze through the examinations—those strainers designed to catch the flats—and he was about to go forth with as broad a diploma as the best of his fellows.

The president of the meeting called on the students in alphabetical order, and each man gave expression to his hopes and views. A smile rose on every face when he said, "And Mr. Jenkins, what do you mean to be?"

Jenkins had an inveterate habit of lisping, which gave additional drollery to his reply as he answered, "I am goin' to be a 'Pithocal minither'."

"Ah, indeed; and why so, Mr. Jenkins?" "For three reasons: "In the first plathe, 'Pithocal minithers alwath marry rich wives."

"In the second plathe, the prayers are all written out. "And, in the third plathe, the thermions are very short, and them you can steal."

The theory of Mr. Jenkins was altogether false and absurd; but the story is true, and too good to be lost, as showing how very big a fool Jenkins was, and what strange notions fools will have sometimes.

ADOLPHUS GETS INSPIRED.—"Dearest, I will build thee a cot all covered with ivy, in some secluded vale, close by a purling brook, meandering over its pebbly bottom, incessantly babbling in dulcet tinkling strains, 'love, love love,' where the atmosphere is redolent of soothing spicy aromas, that make the eyes languish, and the heart dissolve in a liquid fire of love; where the balmy morning zephyrs sigh in the dense forest's leafy maze, chanting love's melody; where the tiny songsters that whirl in ethereal space, warble nuptial lull.

"The following anecdote was told many years ago by a gentleman of Eastport, respecting a cat's fishing that mayhap you have heard of. The gentleman alluded to had his shop over a wharf, under which the tide ebbed and flowed, and in the floor was a trap door used for various purposes, and through which he was accustomed to let down a line, now and then, to catch a fish for pussy's dinner. One day having to leave the line to attend to a customer, he was surprised to see pussy go to it and touch it gently. This led him to watch her, when presently a fish caught hold, and Mistress Grimalkin immediately commenced hauling in the line with one paw, securing the slack hauled by placing the other paw upon it. In this way she at last secured the fish. After that, the gentleman baited the hook and let her fish for herself, and hundreds have seen her catch her dinner."

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DECLINING THE HONOR.—We hear from an authentic source, says the New Orleans True Delta, the gallant Lieut. Colonel Bragg, of the artillery, so well known in connection with the victories of our troops on the Rio Grande, under Gen. Taylor, declines the Majority tendered him by the President in one of the new regiments. Col. B. prefers his own "big guns" to the sabre and carbine of the dragoons.

GOOD DIVIDEND.—The Board of Directors of the Bank of Augusta, have declared a semi-annual dividend of Four Dollars per share, which will be paid on demand.

A good life is the best philosophy—a clear conscience the best law—honesty the best policy—and temperance the best medicine.

"Napoleon Alexis Dobs, come up here and say your lesson. What makes boys grow?" "Milk, lasses, and rain water."

"Why do not men grow?" "Because they carry umbrellas, which keeps off the rain."

"What makes a young man and woman fall in love?" "Because one of 'em has a heart of steel and t'other a heart of flint, and when they come together they strike fire, and that is love."

"That's right my boy. Now go and plague the girls."

"OWED" TO THE TIMES.—"Notes on the falling dew of eve Are pleasant thoughts in poet's songs, But notes on eve of falling dew To one to whom the cash belongs, And who, not getting it, will weep, Aint so pleasant!"

Some rusty, crusty, musty, lusty, dusty, gusty, curmudgeon of a lach, gave the following as a toast at a celebration, "Our fire engines—May they be like our old mads, ever ready but never wanted."

When one lady kisses another, what command of the scripture does she fulfill? "I do unto others as I would that men should do unto me."

A ROMANCE IN REAL LIFE.—A wedding took place in Bristol, England, a few weeks since, under somewhat romantic circumstances, realizing the old adage, that "Truth is stranger than fiction." It appears that a sister of Mrs. N., who resides at Montpellier, some two or three years since, married a merchant, and emigrated to California soon afterward, with a view of bettering their fortunes, taking with her the likeness of an unmarried sister. The picture happened to be hung in a very conspicuous part of their house in California, and attracted the attention of a rich resident of that district, who happened to pay a visit to the house. He was enraptured with the image of the fair unknown, and exclaimed, "By Jove, I'll marry that girl if she is to be found in the world."

He was told where she resided, and he posted to her a note inclosing a present of forty pounds sterling, and a few days since a knock was heard at the door, and the young lady going to open it, a good looking, bronzed-featured gentleman rushed into the house and gave a chaste salute, exclaiming that he had come from the other end of the world to find her, at the same time pulling out the likeness which first led him to seek his attraction. Of course they were married, and are to "live long and die happily," as usual.

Each moment makes thee dearer; as the parsimonious tradesman said to his extravagant wife.

There is no nobility like that of a great heart, for it never stoops to artifice, nor is wanting in good offices where they are reasonable.—That is true nobility.

DISCOURAGING CHILDHOOD.—It is somewhere related that a poor soldier, having had his skull fractured, was told by the doctor that his brains were visible. "Do write to father," he replied, "and tell him it, for he always said I had no brains." How many fathers and mothers tell their children such; and how often does such a remark contribute not a little to prevent any development of the brain!

A grown-up person tells a child he is brainless or foolish, or that he is deficient in some mental or moral faculty, and nine cases out of ten the statement is believed, or if not fully believed, the thought that it may be partially so, acts like an incubus to repress the confidence and energies of that child. Let any person look back to childhood's days, and he can doubtless recall many words and expressions which exerted such a discouraging or encouraging influence over him as to tell upon his whole future course of life.

We knew an ambitious boy, who, at the age of ten years, had become so depressed with fault-finding and in the proof, not duly mingled with encouraging words, that at an early age he longed for death to take him out of the world, in which he conceived he had no abilities to rise. But while all this appeared so dark around him, and he had so often been told of his faults and deficiencies that he seemed to himself the dullest and worst of boys—and while none of his good qualities or capabilities had been mentioned, and he believed he had none, a single word of praise and appreciation, carelessly dropped in his hearing, changed his whole course of thought. We have often heard him say that "that word saved him." The moment he thought he could do well, he resolved that he would—and he has done well. Parents, these are important considerations. Sometimes encourage your children without an if. Do not always tell them they can be good or can do well if they will do thus or so well, and that there is nothing to hinder them.—American Agriculturist.

TREATMENT OF CHILDREN.—That which I have often deemed as an indiscreet and dangerous practice in many fathers is, to be very indulgent to their children whilst they are little, and, as they come to riper years to lay great restraint upon them, and live with greater reserve towards them; which usually produces an ill understanding between father and son, which cannot but be of bad consequence. And I think fathers would generally do better, as the sons grow up, to take them into a nearer familiarity, and live with them with as much freedom of friendship as their age and temper will allow.

An elderly lady, whom a young husband had married for her wealth, expressed her regret at being much older than him. "Make no apologies, madam; no objections if you were twice as old!" The way was a gambler. How long will women continue to deceive themselves!

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THOMAS G. KEY, ATTORNEY AT LAW.

WILL also prosecute Claims for BOUNTY LAND, under the late act of Congress. He will also attend to the highest market price, LAND WARRANTS. Edgfield C. H., Mar 28 11

Bounty Land. JOSEPH ABNEY, ESQ., will attend to all applications that may be made through him, for ADDITIONAL BOUNTY LAND, by those who served in the Florida War, or any War since 1790. Mar 21 10

Law Notice. MESSRS. SPANN & MAGRATH, in partnership, will practice in LAW AND EQUITY. Office opposite the residence of Mr. G. Addison. One or the other will always be in office. Jan 3 51

Professional Notice! DR. J. C. W. KENNERLY, having located himself in the neighborhood of Dry Creek, offers his Professional services in the PRACTICE OF MEDICINE to the people of the community, and respectfully solicits their patronage. He will be found at all hours during the day, at his residence, or at his office, in his Office, at Dr. Reddy's, and at night at the residence of Mr. Martin McCartney. Lots P. O., April 10, 4m 13

Professional Card. DR. W. H. TIMMERMAN, having located himself at Mt. W. Coleman's, offers his services in the PRACTICE OF MEDICINE, SURGERY, OBSTETRICS and DENTISTRY, to the people of the community, and respectfully solicits their patronage. Lots P. O., March 7 8

Remember! DR. L. M. ASHILL, having located near the Double Branches, two miles from Edgfield, Post Office, respectfully tenders his Professional services, in the practice of Physic, Surgery and Obstetrics. To the neighborhood and vicinity. He will be moderate in charges and prompt in attendance upon all who favor him with a call. He can be found at home at all times except when professionally employed. N. B.—Dr. A. can be consulted (privately) free of charge. Ridge, Feb 14 5

DENTAL SURGERY! DR. H. PARKER, respectfully informs the citizens of Edgfield District, that he may be found during the day week at the Planter's Hotel, Edgfield, C. H., and at his residence on the Anderson road, eighteen miles North-east of the Village, on every Friday and Saturday following. Specimens of his work, put up on the latest and most approved principles, can be seen at his Office. His address, when in the country, is heretofore, Sleepy Creek, P. O. Dec 27 50

Practice of Surgery! DR. J. URIAH HARRIS, Augusta, Ga., is prepared to accommodate with Lodging and Nursing, such patients as may be directed to him for SURGICAL OPERATIONS or Treatment. His Masters may be assured that their Servants will have every necessary attention. Augusta, May 28, 1y 19

Planters Hotel, BROAD STREET, AUGUSTA, GA. JOHN BRIDGES & J. GEORGE ILLIG, PROPRIETORS. Augusta, Feb 12 3m 5

JOSEPH WHILDEN, DEALER IN Paints, Oils and Glass, Charleston, S. C. He keeps constantly for sale, a general assortment of Paints and Oils of all kinds, Varnishes, Window Glass and Sashes, Spits, Turpentine, Spirit Gas, Cotton Foot-Gin Presses, Glue and Brushes of various kinds. Charleston, Sept 4 1y 34

Dry Goods in Augusta, Georgia. WARD, BURCHARD & CO., BROAD STT, OPPOSITE GLOBE HOTEL, DEALERS IN Silks and Rich Dress Goods, PLANTATION AND CHOICE FAMILY GOODS, OF EVERY DESCRIPTION. Augusta, Mar 5 1f 8

Clock Repairing! THE Subscriber would respectfully inform the citizens of Edgfield District, and vicinity, that he has taken the House formerly occupied by Mrs. R. Gray, opposite the Planters Hotel, for the purpose of carrying on the CLOCK REPAIRING BUSINESS. All work entrusted to his care will be attended to with neatness and dispatch. He will also give his attention to the REPAIRING OF FURNITURE. He warrants satisfaction to all, and solicits a liberal patronage. Jan 10 52

Spring Mantillas. GRAY BROTHERS, Augusta, Ga., have just received the most splendid Stock of SPRING MANTILLAS that they have ever brought to this market, and to which they would respectfully invite the attention of the Ladies. If 14

CLARKE & ROYAL, DEALER IN—BOOTS, SHOES, TRUNKS, CARPET BAGS, VALISES, &c. IRON FRONT STORE, BROAD STREET, OPPOSITE THE MARION HALL, AUGUSTA, GEORGIA. THE Undersigned having formed a Co-partnership, under the Firm of CLARKE & ROYAL for the general transaction of a— Boot and Shoe Business, Will keep at all times on hand the FINEST and MOST FASHIONABLE GOODS, both for Ladies and Gentlemen, that is now manufactured, together with a large assortment for Boys, Misses and Children. Also, heavy work for Plantation and House Servants. We will also keep VALISES, CARPET BAGS, &c. Our Store is in the central part of the City, convenient to all the Hotels, being the well known stand of ALDRICH & ROYAL. From our long experience in the business, we flatter ourselves that we can give as good, if not better bargains, than you can get elsewhere. Our best endeavors will be given to satisfaction to all who may favor us with a call. HENRY W. CLARKE, WM. S. ROYAL, Augusta, Feb 21, 1y 6

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, EDGFIELD DISTRICT, IN COMMON PLEAS. James M. Richardson, Attachment. Moses Saunders. James M. Richardson, Attachment. Moses Saunders.

THE Plaintiff in the above cases having this day filed his declaration in my Office, and the Defendant having neither wife nor Attorney known to reside within the limits of this State, on whom copies of said Declarations with rules to plead can be served: On motion of Messrs. Spann & Magrath, Plaintiff's Attorneys, Ordered that said Defendant appear and plead to said Declarations within a year and a day from the date hereof, or final and absolute judgment will be given against him. THOS. G. BACON, c. e. d. n. Clerk's Office, Mar 6, 1855. 1y 8

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, EDGFIELD DISTRICT, IN COMMON PLEAS. Millidge L. Busham and Wm. M. Bart, Decl. in Debt. JOHN HILL. WHEREAS the Plaintiffs did on the eighth day of March, A. D., 1855, file their declaration against the Defendant, who (as is said) is absent from and without the limits of this State, and had neither wife nor Attorney known within the same upon whom a copy of the said declaration might be served, it is therefore ordered, that the said Defendant do appear and plead to said declaration, within a year and a day from this date, otherwise final and absolute judgment will be given and awarded against him. T. G. BACON, c. e. d. n. Clerk's Office, Oct. 1, 1854. 1y 38

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, EDGFIELD DISTRICT, IN COMMON PLEAS. Wesley Phillips and his wife Augusta Ann, vs. Edward Penn. BY Order of the Court of Equity, publication is hereby made, notifying all and singular the creditors of F. M. Young, dec'd., to present and prove their demands before me in my office at Edgfield C. H., on or before the 29th day of July, 1855. Otherwise they will be utterly barred and concluded in the settlement of said F. M. Young's estate. THOS. G. BACON, c. e. d. n. Clerk's Office, May 1, 1854. 1y 16

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, EDGFIELD DISTRICT, IN EQUITY. J. B. Talbert, et al. vs. J. B. Talbert, et al. Bill for Account and Relief. E. M. Bussey, et al. vs. D. M. Bussey, et al. Bill for Account and Relief. P. S.—I have on hand an assortment of all sizes. July 27 28

Notice! IF RICHARD GIBSON, or his legal representatives will make application to W. H. ATREISSON, Esq., in this place, they may discover something to their advantage. Said Richard Gibson was a soldier in the war of 1812, in the Artillery, and was a resident of this District in 1818. Mar 11 10

Jackson Street Hospital and Surgical INFIRMARY for NEGROES, AUGUSTA, GA. THE Undersigned would respectfully call the attention of Planters and Slave-owners generally, to their very complete and extensive establishment in Augusta, Ga., for the accommodation of NEGROES requiring SURGICAL OPERATIONS or Treatment in CHRONIC DISEASES. The Building is situated corner of Jackson and Fenwick Streets, between the Georgia and the Savannah Rail-Road Depots; and is in sight of both. It is therefore convenient for the reception of patients from a distance. In its construction, special attention was given to the comfort of the patient, to which it is applied; being furnished with everything which can conduce to the comfort of the SICK. It is supplied with hot and cold baths and all the necessary and exposure to the patients. It is also well ventilated and lighted with gas. With the constant attendance of experienced male and female nurses, the patient will be saved much of the suffering which too often is the result of unskillful treatment in the treatment of NEGROES in ordinary private practices. TERMS—For Board, Lodging and Nursing, per month, \$10. For all necessary Medical attendance, Surgical Operations, &c., the same as in ordinary city practice. T. F. CAMPB