

For the Times.

A Delightful Day at Mt. Tabor Church.
Mr. Edmon:—By invitation from several of the good ladies in the Mt. Tabor congregation we attended a social gathering on the 31st ultimo. During the past summer a very large and interesting Sabbath School had been conducted at this church. A very encouraging feature connected with this good work is that all denominational distinctions are forgotten—Presbyterians, Methodists, Baptist and Episcopalians, have all united in one church.

The church at this place was organized more than half a century ago, and at no time have the children in that community enjoyed such religious advantages as they do now. Parents are beginning to realize more fully the great responsibility resting upon them to "Train up a child the way it should go; and when it is old it will not depart therefrom."

It was thought proper, by way of encouraging the children and friends of the Sabbath School to have a social dinner, each one bringing such eatables as they might prefer, and it is only necessary to say, it was truly a sumptuous repast. Many articles upon the table would grace the feast at the marriage of a king's daughter. Though the morning clouds were portentous heavy showers, quite a large assembly were present to enjoy the good things so richly

handsumly prepared for the occasion. After all had daintily feasted, there was still much besides. The day passed off very pleasantly, old and young seemed to enjoy themselves exceedingly. The best of order prevailed. It is no wonder that things were done so decorously and in order, when we remember who was at the head of affairs, married ladies and young ladies of taste and accomplishments were present.

An opportunity was given to all to contribute something to aid in purchasing a Sunday school library. The response to this cause was quite liberal. A sufficient amount was raised to purchase a quantity of books for the school. Everyone felt it was quite a success. Our Methodist and Baptist friends took a very active part.

liberally aided by their presence and contributions in this good cause. One of the teachers a most excellent and accomplished young lady, member of the Episcopal Church, was not present but sent up a liberal contribution. The each of the four denominations cooperated in making the object of the meeting a success. We would not forget to mention that some who were not members of any church also gave

their assistance. The members of Mt. Tab Church and their Pastor feel under many obligations to our brethren and friends for the kind and generous liberality shown on this occasion. May our happy meeting unite us more closely in the bonds of Christian fellowship. We are all branches of the same vine; we are different streams running into the same great Ocean. As we can all unite in worshipping our common Saviour in the church below, h

much sweeter and more glorious to worship
together with all the redeemed around the throne
of God in heaven. E

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A correspondent to the *Louisville Courier-Journal* asks the following question:

"DE WITT, ARK., Dec. 5, 1879.—Is the Presbyterian Mutual Assurance Society of Louisville, Ky., a reputable and reliable association, promoting meeting and paying all their liabilities?"

And do they admit any but Presbyterians?

Membership? They claim to pay weekly \$5 to any member disabled by sickness or accident from pursuing his regular business." S. J. F.

"**Answer**—It is one of the best managed & most reliable institutions of the kind in the State. Its membership is not confined to Presbyterians. Rev. J. S. Bailey is agent for the above institution, and will take pleasure in giving any information desired. The company is unable to pay two thousand dollars in case of death."

This corporation is in its infancy; only a death has occurred, as yet.

To the Teachers of Union County.

Five reasons for subscribing at once for *Southern Education Monthly* published by Walker Evans & Cogswell, Charleston, S. C.

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A BALTIMORE COTTON WAREHOUSE AFIRE.
Baltimore, January 3.—At noon to-day fire steamers are still throwing streams of water the cotton stowed in the warehouse of Thurston Harris & Co., on Bechman's wharf, which is fast lost night. A little over 5,000 bales of

tion were in the warehouse, of which John M. Ryan & Co., dealers in fertilizers, owned 2.6, which were fully insured. It is estimated the loss on cotton will be fully sixty per cent. Several warehouses adjoining were stored with grain, flour and other produce, which was damaged by the water, but to what extent cannot be ascertained.

Among the losers are David Bows & Co., damaged on grain, said to be fully insured in New York and Brooklyn companies; Paul & Co. the mill, flour merchants, and Harvey & Bows, ex-

merchandise, all fully insured, but their loss was comparatively small.

Randolph & Jenks, a Philadelphia firm of cotton brokers, had about eleven hundred bales stored in the warehouse, and to be fully insured.

W. E. Harper & Sons, of Baltimore, lost about twelve hundred and forty bales insured.

THE SOUTHERN FARMER'S MONTHLY FOR JANUARY.—The January number of this popular magazine is out, and it is the best one yet issued. Among the numerous interesting articles, original

decide are by Dr. A. Gauder, of Walpole Island, the "The Catfish Worm and its Parasite," and "Are Plants Fed and Watered Through Their Leaves?" and one by Prof. J. L. Stahl of Middlebury, on "Plant Tree Barkers." The illustrations on the "How" question, and the illustrated article on "How to Grow and Cure Meats," are also very acceptable. The Fishery Department has furnished a series of leaflets, the most useful kind in print. Take the pumpkins as a whole, it is one of the best publications he has been able to come up with.

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demand for these "Turf" machines. For sale
for six months, orders by mail should be
addressed to J. R. Estell, Savannah, Ga.