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LETTER FROM REV. BURR BALDWIN.

have recently received from Rev. Burr Baldwin, who has spent the last winter in Texas, in behalf of the "Southern Aid Society," the object of which is "the diffusion of Gospel Truth in the Southern and South-

It contains many statements, in reference to that important section of our country, of general interest, and hence it is tendered to you for publication. HENEY A. RILEY.]

BONDAN, Famin Co., Eastern Texas, March 24, 1856.

DEAR BROTHER :- You requested me, when I had leisure, to write you, to give you some account of the Same of Texas, and of my agenev for the Southern Aid Society. After a boisterous passage of 22 days, I arrived at Galveston, on the 14th of January. This place I found one of the most quiet cities that I had ever visited, It is handsomely laid out, with the streets running at right langles. Though the houses are not elegant, yet the vards in front are tastefully decorated with shrubbery, with orange, lemon, and fig trees which present, sometimes in mid-winter, a most beautiful appearance. The fruit trees here in mild winters are filled with fruit. But the extreme cold weather this season has rifled the trees of all their fruit and foliage The sombre appearance of winter overspread Texas as well as the North. It is thought that it will take five or six years for the tropical trees to gain their wonted beauty and

The harbor of Galveston is very fine, and the only one in Texas that can be approached with safety. But even this is obstructed with a bar that sometimes detains vessels out-ide a number of days, when the wind blows from the north, rendering the water shallow. This is a serious hindrance, embarrassing navigation and all mercaptile operations exceedingly. An appropriation by Congress to clear

to Houston, eighty miles. This is an indiffcommanding most of the country trade

who traversed the Guif of Mexico entered it more elevated and the wood more abundant. a place of rest.

they are able to cultivate.

they are termed, have the appearance of be these I should think is fifty feet, or more, in or brand, which is to be recorded in the county ally bridged, and it seems truly frightful to ing once reclaimed from the ocean, present- circumference, and in depth fifteen feet; com- Clerk's office. Then they are turned out to wan- cross with my buggy the deep and rapid ing to the summit, then gently descending, ter most beautiful to the eye, and as clear as a beef, or a hog, or a sheep, or to sell a horse, a few inches of the top of, my horse's back. till you reach a creek or rill of water. That crystal. From every part of the circumfer- you have to hunt for them a few hours drive But the most serious difficulty that has emthis whole region has been formerly submerg- ence and within it, the water comes bubbling them home and slaughter them, or sell them barrassed my progress, has been the deep ed seems quite probable, from the abundance up from the bottom. A few yards below, to the drover. No labor or expense is incur- mud-holes that I have been obliged to enof marine shells and bones of marine animals these springs unite and form the fine and red in raising provender or hay. Let your counter. At one time my horse sunk in every where found beneath its waface. These much admired river San Antonio, large herds and your flocks alone, and they will the maje to his shoulders, and could not exrolling prairies resemble the said banks now enough at this point to navigate a steamboat multiply into scores and hundreds in a short tricate himself till I had released him from seen on Long Island and the eastern shores of considerable size. A short distance below time. Those who have rauches or places of the wagon. Then, with the help of three of Jersey. But how can it be accounted for the head of this stream, lies the city of San rendezvous for their herds and flocks, are men, we drew the wagon out of the mire. garded my mother's remark as the beginning that all this region has been once hundated? Antonie, the largest city in Texas, and in- obliged to employ no laborers as those do At another time, my horse became so en-It is believed by many geographers and nav- creasing more rapidly, and commanding more who cultivate the soil. A general superint tangled in the mud, when I was alone, and igators that the West India Islands were once business than any other. It is situated in the tendence is all that is necessary. A person eight iniles to the next house on my way. I att ned to the continent, and that one con interior, one hundred miles from the Gulf, with a small capital of a few hundreds, and a released my horse again and again from the to South America, now occupied by the Ca. the State as you proceed westward. The ad- a few years, have horses, cattle, hogs, and till he became more entangled than before. ribbean sea. If so, the Gulf of Mexico might jacent country, as well as that lying imme-sheep, to sell, worth thousands of dollars .- I then backed the wagon into the middle of have been-formed from a vast accumulation diately contiguous to the river, is acknowl. This investment affords better interest and the stream. Then I harnessed him once of waters on the eastern coast of the Americ edged to be the richest, most beautifully sit. inorcinerease than any other products, as these more, led him across the creek, taking a circan Continent, caused by the rotary median unted, and the most healthful part of Texas, can be gold to drovers, but other products cuitous route up the bank, and succeeded in of the trade winds whose course is in a west. vicinity. On the confines of the city is the tie ocean which run from east to west. To ged state. But it will long remain a memori- rouds are constructed. Still, coal mines are village where I expected to spend the Sabthese causes superadd another, a violent storm, al of the bravery of Col. Crockett and his already discovered which will furnish abun- bath-no house intervening. After laboring blowing from the east with tremendous vio- comrades, who were surrounded by the whole dance of fuel for all purposes. Iron ore a some time with my ropes and fixtures, I lence. Is it too much to suppose that, with army of Santa Anna and every man of them bounds, also, in various parts of the State; found that some aid was absolutely necessathis mighty pressure, the waters might have massacred. A short distance below the city, and marble, of the finest quality, is found on ry to get out, of this difficulty. I then probroken over their usual barriers, and have in. is the Catholic mission establishment, sus. the waters of the Colorado. Limestone and ceeded towards the village for help, four undated all the low lands to the west; the tained at first by regal patronage. But the free-stone for building purposes are found in miles distant, the rain pouring down copilower part of Alabama, of Missis ppi, of King of Spain soon withheld his support and great abundance. Salt springs, oil springs, ously, and the travelling on foot over the Louisania, and the vast territory of Texas, as left the mission of fifty individuals to take and other mineral springs are found in varia swampy and wet prairie somewhat unpleasfar north as Red river? After filling up this care of themselves excepting that he station ous sections of the State. immense basin, by the overflow of the Atlan. ed here a few soldiers to guard the settlement tic, may we not suppose when a reaction took from the intrusion of the Indians. At that it is said, is at least a month later than usual. With hard lifting and working in the mud place, that these waters would most rapidly time, 1728, this station was hundreds of miles. Still we have some balmy days, resembling and water for two hours, we succeeded in become disgorged between Florida and the from any European settlement. This miss the first days of June at the North. Soon, 1 prying and raising the buggy from the mire, island of Cuba, by the Gulf stream? On sion establishment, with an area of about six hear it said, that all nature will come up, as and by inches getting it up the bank. Had the gradual subsiding of the waters may we not suppose that the lower parts of in thickness and fifteen feet in height. With the fields will be covered with roses and with would have been carried away by the freshthe above mentioned States were then drain- in this enclosure was a cathedral, costly and flowers, presenting an appearance most de- et; for the rain at length came down so ed; and that probably the whole State of elegant in its time, with other houses suited lightful to the eye, diffusing a fragrance most plentifully that the streams rose higher than Texas was thus drained? The country hav. to the wants of the mission. Soon after the grateful to the senses, and exhibiting a scene had been known for years before. Then was the harbor, it is thought would relieve the ing been recently submerged, the soil on the King of Spain withheld his aid, the Benedic- most enchanting, exceeding the powers of the I weather-bound for many days; for, gener- did, at the picture my fancy drew of a loving subsiding of the waters, would be immediate. tine monks took the whole establishment unmost fertile imagination properly to depict ally, there are no bridges over the streams, family and happy home. But the mischief From Galveston | proceeded by steamer | ly fitted for the growth of vegetation. This | der their special care. For many years the | and to represent. decaying and decomposition of vegetables mission continued its operations—teaching You will expect me to say a few things in height. Every one, therefore, must content produced that rich mould we now see, which ton. Still, it is a place of more business, is from two and a half to five feet, and in arts. But this mission has long since been general aspects. some places ten and fif een feet in depth. of abandoned; and the whole establishment is Each of the cities contains, it is estimated, should 7000 inhabitants.

Suffice it, therefore, to say, that since I in which nature ever formed.—

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cle to their inimediate settlement is, the scur- at house." This faith amounts almost to as Contral and South America. The Muskete proaching harvest. City by wood. But as soon as the people best surance, when he beholds the Muskete tree, tree, also, most uncomely in its appearance. In regard to my agency for the Southern large to another, or from one county seat to

souri, Indiana, and Illinois. Indeed, in tray- prairies bordering on the Colorado river.

If you should draw a diagonal line from ine them congealed, in a moment, and remain- merchants, and manufacturers are much need- the first settlement you reach is the one at San Antonio in the southwest, through Dal- ing ever after in that state. Again, there are ed, and would receive abundant encourage which are obliged to tarry for the night .las, to Red river in the northwest embracing ridges five inches higher than the rest of the ment. When Texas is filled with, this kind On the second day of my travelling on horsestrip of land on each side of this line, fifty soil, at equal and regular distances for miles of immigration, she will become more inde- back, I passed through muddy sloughs and miles southeast and one hundred miles in length, like rows in corn fields at the South, pendent than any other section of the Union. over deep creeks, swimming my horse in a porthwest of it, extending in length up, that remain after the corn is gathered. She will be able to raise her own sugar, her number of instances, and striving at the first wards of three hundred miles, you would em. Again, in the time of a great drouth, when dwn cotton, her own wool, her own wheat, house on my way only in time to put up for brace in this section the best portion of Tex. there has not been a particle of rain for many (which is of the first quality, weighing from the right. as, both as to fertility and salubrity of cli- weeks, the ground perfectly dry two feet in seventy five pounds by the bushel,) The more elevated and rolling prairies, as mate. This is, most of it, a fine wheat coun. depth, the soil is of such a nature that corn and all other grains; her own fruit also as they are termed, are more thickly settled and try, producing at the same time good cotton and other vegetables will grow and mature peaches, apples &c., which are said to grow better furnished with wood. Still, on these

ing gentle swells, of a few feet only, ascend- ing up from the bottom, in a volume of wa- der where they please. When you wish to kill streams—the water rising sometimes within tinuous surface of land extended from North and is on the border of the settled parts of careful superintendence of his affairs, will, in wagon, and harnessed him again and again, erly direction, and by currents in the Atlan- celebrated for tress, Alamo, now in a dilapidat- more developed after the contemplated rail- that day to travel twenty miles to reach the

which are now in contemplation, and when The land also lies exceedingly beautiful and On these rolling prairies there are many phe- completed will afford facilities of communica-

It is now the last of March. The season, lage, I met a man who engaged to assist inc. acres, was enclosed with a stone wall five feet by magic, in all her beauty and loveliness- I not obtained this timely aid, my wagon

ence of agriculture and various mechanical in reference to its soil, its productions, and till the streams are fordable. Thinking to ciety, I found so little nature, so little good-

till within thirty years. Previous to that His theory if I understand it, does not assign peculiarly adapted to the raising of cotton. | much from the first immigrants that came to travelled many nulles, before my horse in anxious to be caught, and no body skillful. period, as persons approached the territory a sufficient cause for the wonderful effects produced.

But I will return from this digression.—

Of being confined to streams of water. Most pecially the rolling prairies, are filling up again. The rope was applied to my wagon, on quite beyond my usual bounds, and at least, rather tired, I clambered up a steep rock from the South, it was looked upon as rath. These rolling prairies of which I have spoken on the borders of steams and groves where enterprizing. There is a very commendation that the spoken on the borders of steams and groves where enterprizing. There is a very commendation that the spoken on the borders of steams and groves where enterprizing. There is a very commendation that the spoken on the borders of steams and groves where enterprizing. There is a very commendation to the borders of steams and groves where enterprizing. There is a very commendation to the borders of steams and groves where enterprizing. er an indufferent country, capable of sus- present a most beautiful appearance as far there is pleuty of wood and water. But the ble spirit of improvement pervading all class- time for a traveller to appear, a man at length ing, and sat down to rest. taining only a spaise population. But after as the eye can reach. In the distance you will land is almost equally fertile in every direct es and every kind of business. Especially was seen on the prairie in the distance, lead- It was a true summer scene—quiet and penetrating into the interior from the East sometimes sees mall cluster of trees, interspers tion, and capable, if properly cultivated, of the cause of education has of late received and ing two horses. Now I concluded I should and from the South a little farther, it was de ed here and there, but they are found most producing the most abundant crops. To rem impulse which promises the most cheering she provided for. But two horses drawing covered that its soil was exceedingly fertile. It on the banks of the small creeks. In travery word, it has this State contains noise allies so word, it has recently been discovered that made by the State to further the cause of ed. from the mud. Soon another traveller ap-It is thought that this State contains more elling you will also frequently enter a grove wood, it has recently been discovered that made by the State to further the cause of ed. from the mud. Soon another traveller apgood land, than any other section of the Un- of what is dilled Post-oak, not immediately the Bois dare tree (pronounced Bo-dark,) or ucation. Schools of every grade are foster- peared, and three of us, with the aid of the on, not excepting Illinois. In the South bor- on the creek bottoms. These Postonks do osage orange tree, as it is sometime called, ed by the people, and imsome sections patduring on the Guif of Mexico, the land is low, not grow so thickiy on the ground as our will make a very fine hedge fence. With ronized with great liberality. I shall soon draw it by inches from its mooring. Notand in very wet weather is covered in many wood at the North. But the trees are so proper care, in three years after it is sown, expect to see this State vying with the older withstanding these disasters, neither horse pers with water. The river bottoms for spacesly scattered that the soil produces an it makes a hedge that will exclude the small States in everything that tends to improve nor buggly nor rider have sustained any in. I reclined. My curiosity led me to explore many miles up the principal rivers, the Trussabundance of grass, feeding immense herds less animals from intrusion into the cultivated the mind and exalt the character of man. - jury. ity, the Colorado, the Guadatupe, and the San of cattle, hogs and deer. These Post-oaks are fields. The discovery of the qualities of this The institutions of religion appear to be ap-Antonio, whose bottoms are several unies in long enough for a post to a fence or gate, but tree for the purpose mentioned, will greatly preciated, and the attendance of the people of to travel more man eight numerous are several unies in long enough for a post to a fence or gate, but tree for the purpose mentioned, will greatly preciated, and the attendance of the people of to travel more man eight numerous are several unies in long enough for a post to a fence or gate, but tree for the purpose mentioned, will greatly preciated, and the attendance of the people of to travel more man eight numerous are several unies in long enough for a post to a fence or gate, but tree for the purpose mentioned, will greatly preciated, and the attendance of the people of the peo Mississippi or of the river Nile; producing. When a traveller from the North approaches ed lands. This tree is more durable than lance truly devout. A promising field of traversed over the State upwards of nine corn, cotton, sugar, or any of the tropical pro- one of these groves, he is cheered with the even the locust or the colar. It has also other usefulness is therefore presented, in most sec- hundred miles, and three hundred more will ducts. The prairie ands lying between the hope that he is drawing near some antique valuable properties, producing a greater variations of the State. I cannot but hope and be be necessary for me travel in order to finish streams are also very rich. The only obside dwelling, and that he will find "the old folks ety of rich colors than the best dye-word of lieve that this field is ripeuting for an ap- the work that I have designated for myself.

gin to construct hedges around their fields, resembling very much our peach tree, when has caluable properties. A gum is extracted Aid Society, I will remark that I have found another, distant from each other some thirty which can be done with little expense, it is its limbs are broken off and it seems dying with from it that possesses all the qualities of the it exceedingly laborious and even hazardous, for thirty five or forty-five miles, and believed that these prairies will be covered age, But no other signs of a human dwel- gran Arabic, both for painting and for media Saving nothing about my borsterous passage to preach in the evening if I arrive in time. with a dense population. The same difficult ling are seen or heard—no barking of the cine. to Galveston, I will stare that the first part of Sometimes I preach on Monday, Tuesday, ty does not now prevent the settlement of dog, no sound of the axe—no noise of the cowto Galveston, I will state that the first part of Sometimes I preach on Monday, Tuesday, and lively, while Dorothea in the picture is out watching. They may do something the northern section of this State. For, af bell. The stillness of death pervades the the farmer, more than the procuring of fenc. Being unaccustomed to the mode of traveling villages are farther apart, I preach no oftener ter you proceed northwards from the Gulf scene; and you may pass on five, ten, and ing materials, which will, in a few years, no I found it very fatiguing. In the low prais than every other day. These meetings, for sixty or eighty miles, the country becomes sometimes lifteen miles, before you will reach doubt be removed; the want of rail roads ries and in such a winter as we have had, it the most part, are fully attended. I have would have been almost impracticable to have never preached to congregations more attravelled in any other way. The deep sloughs tentive and solemn. The truth. I cannot but perhaps is equally tertile. The climate is incmena very singular and unaccountable.— tion to every section of this widely-extended and the overflowing creeks would have pre. hope, will find a lodgment in many a condryer, more salubrious and more inviting to There are here strips of cross timber, as they State. The construction of these roads is a sented almost insuperable difficulties, by any emigrants. The country north of Austin, he are termed, thirty miles apart and from ten great desideratum in Texas. The Legislature other conveyance. After proceeding one capital of the State, for three hundred miles to fifteen miles in width, running from Red of the State have therefore made a most lib- hundred and thirty miles, my horse's back be- the State of Texas. When I commenced my as far as the Red river, is rapidly filling up river in a southern direction hundreds of eral grant to any company who will underwith people from Tennessee, Kentucky, Mis- miles, and gradually disappearing in the take these enterprises and carry them for- wagon—the change was as great a mercy to cy and difficulty, and that I should not be ward to completion within a certain period. me as to my horse. I felt thankful to a kind able, unless the Lord gave me wisdom and ersing this section of Texas I have found in- There are other mysteries not yet satisfacto- When these roads are made, the farmer, in- Providence that I could now prosecute my sound discretion, to carry out in sincerity dividuals from almost every State in the Un- rily solved. Why there should be large praisted of consuming almost entirely his profits mission with comparative ease, and with more the catholic basis on which the Society proion, and from Canada. As I have travelled ries of lifty, a hundred, or a thousand acres, by carrying his cotton and other products, by expedition and success. This change occurred poses to act. But thanks to the kind proviover these extensive prairies, interspersed now surrounded with trees on every side and yet ox teams, 100, 200, or even 300 r iles, will at the time I had reached the elevated prairies. with families in every direction, I can hardly scarcely a tree growing on these prairies?— find a market at convenient distances. Be ries and when it would be convenient to use realize, that it is but six or eight years since Why the highest grounds should often times sides, the construction of these roads will enthis mode of conveyance. The low prairies this vast region was inhabited by the Buffalo be the most spongy and wet, why some pra- courage immigration exceedingly, and farmers are almost a dead level. One might travel and the Indian. But these have retired to ries should be interspersed, here and there, with from every section of the union, will be flock- miles without finding an eminence of over the northwest portion of the State toward the low places, asthough swine had wallowed there ing to this fertile country and this delightful four inches, so that when dismounted from Rio Grande. These prairies are not occupied in a horday and had left a lasting impress of climate. There is a desire among the culti- his horse it would be difficult to find a place Presbyterians. by rich planters, as in the southern section, their bed on the soil? Hence these are term. vators of the soil to see more farmers from to obtain the least aid in getting again to his but by farmers who have come into the State | ed hog wallow prairies. Again, some prairies the North, to teach them, a they say, some saddle. In these prairies there are no stone, rather poor, and have purchased only what are formed like waves of the sea, presenting lessons in agriculture. Mechanics also, and not even of the smallest size. You may travan appearance like them, if you could image other active and intelligent men, as teachers, el the whole day without passing a house, and

crops, which is altogether unusual in other well. Another curious fact I observed while in abundance in the northern sections of the high prairies, which, by the way, are only a sections of the Southern States. For cotton in Western Texas. The river San Antonio State. Cattle, hogs, sheep, and horses can few feet elevated above the others, one is lands will not produce much wheat. The fruits is formed from a number of springs issuing be raised in any quantities on these prairies, obliged to travel ten, fifteen, or even twenty of the north can also be cultivated in this from a small eminence, only a few feet above with scarcely any pains taking on the part of miles without passing a house. The creeks part of the State. These rolling prairies, as the bed of the surrounding country. One o' the owner. All that is necessary is a mark in Middle and Western Texas are not gener. redress for the outrages at Panoma,

The mineral resources of the State will be this kind occurred on Saturday, having en ant. Before I reached half way to the vil-

My custom has been to travel from one vilscience, and at the judgment day I hope to have some seals of my ministry even from ceed beyond what I had anticipated, I have than her beauty.

heen privileged to tender the aid of the Soci- My heart of ice suddenly burst into a any one else particularly, it will be something one else particularly, it will be something one else beauty. ety to the Methodists and the Baptists, to flame, 'Heaven!' cried I to myself, as I felt equally important about some one else. Do the Episcopalians and the Lutherans, to the Cumberland and the Old and New School

Truly and fraternally yours,

A. NOBLE CHARACTER .- " Mr. Brads, von now the defendant-what is his character ?" "For what, sir-spreeing or integrity?" "For integrity, sir." "Well, all I can say about Jones is that if

"What do you mean by that I"

"That will do, Mr. Brads." Mother, - "Did I not tell you not to trouble those pies again?"

Jales and Sketches.

HOW I WENT ANGLING, AND WHAT I CAUGHT.

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I do wish, Bob, you would get married! cried my mother, impatiently, one day after summer morning.

The suggestion was by no means a new one, for I was five and thirty, and it had been iterated and reiterated by all my family evof a kind of family ritual and responded as usual, 'Why so, ma'm?'

Because, she answered shortly, deviating somewhat from the beaten track, 'it's high

"Granted said I

'Yes,' pursued my mother, 'you're old enough and you're rich enough, and you're clever enough; and why you don't get marhappier than you now are, idling about here, with nothing better to do than to follow an of the earth from west to east, by the blowing There are various objects of interest in this must be carried a great distance to market. reaching the top of it. My third disaster of old woman about from cellar to pantry, putting your hands to every bit of mischief which Salan find for idle hands to do and all for want of some sensible employment.' 'Would petting a foolish wife be a sensible

employment,' I asked, laughing.
'She need not be foolish,' said my moth-

But the wise virgin will not have me,' eplied, and I will not have a foolish one o you see, there is just my trouble.'

You are too mode t by half, returned my nother, as she was leaving the room." I pondered that last remark of my moth erer's. I thought it showed discernment and judgment, and wondered more people were not of her way of thinking. The melancholy general reflection that modest worth is al

up my hat and fishing tackle. I sauntered out for a reverie under cover of my favorite sport. The subject of my late conversation continued to occupy my thoughts. The truth is, and if ever I chance to see a silly girl padinv mother was not more anxious to see me married than I was to be so. I had always regarded the married state as the happiest and in a freshet the water rises to a great of it was, I could not find any one to please mission continued its operations—teaching You will expect me to say a few things in height. Every one, therefore, must content be over-fastidious; but among all the flat, fluttering, furbelowed fine ladies I met in so-

warm and bright-nicely shaded, however, where I lay, and the cool sound of the rip-

became sensible that besides the regular monotonous babbling of the brooklet, there mingled other sounds of splashing water, which occurred at irregular intervals, and which seemed to proceed from below the rock on which the mystery. I clambered to the top of the rock and looked down over its furthest edge.

ural scat, below which the water rippled .-The spot was quite hung over and shaded by trees and thick shrubs. It was a complete sylvan grotto, and within it, as seemed most neat and fitting, was its nymph.

A young girl, apparently about nineteen, sat on the ledge, bathing her feet. Her attitude and occupation reminded me strongly fashioned annuals of Dorothea-except that

continued to gaze in silence from my lurking

Ah! those dainty little white feet, with their pink-tipped toes, which gleamed so fair cately tinted with pink, of which I now and More than all, the perfect innocence and modesty which accompanied all the movements

it thumping against my side— what is this keep something going—silence is a dreadful sensation? Bob Brown, your hour is come. thing; though it is said there was silence in

At the moment I came to this conclusion. the float on my fish-line dropped at the feet of my chariner, and immediately—well, I'm not going to lay before my confidential public an all your watchful care, you can't see anything account of all my delicate and skillful manœovring-enough, that within half an hour I was scated socially by my water fairy's side bad; perhaps in an unguarded moment, you trying to look as much like Neptune or Mas-lost sight of them—throw out hints they are aniello, or any other water hero, I did not no better than they should be that you care which, as I could, I gave a sly tweak he's honest, he's got a queer way of showing or two to my shirt collor to make it lie down, they were after a while, and that they may sailor fashion; turned back my wrist bands, not carry their heads so high Keep to go "Just this—that the night before he dines the spot on my crown which was growing thin on turkey, somebody's poultry coop is always might not be observed, and flattered myself be music, and everything work to a classim.

Nora-I soon discovered her sweet name

oring to beguile the flowery way she led me as agreeably for her as the wolf did for Little Red Riding Hood, while schemes, as deeplaid and appropriate, though less blood-thirsty toward my innocent companion, formed themselves in my mind.

I was never in such spirits. I was charmed with myself in the novel character of wooer. The railroad rapidity with which my drama proceeded, excited me. In one short hour I, the impregnable, the flinty-hearted, had not only fallen head over heals in love myself, but also, I flattered myself-butmum-of all things I hate a boaster.

However, as I have said I was in high-spirits and excited, and among other nonsense ventured at last to say, laughingly, 'Do you know, sweet Nora, that I have been haunted by a presentiment ever since the moment first caught a glimpse of you.'
What is it?' asked she, smiling.

'That you will one day be my wife!' exclaimed, with the bold emphasis of conviction and determination.

Nora burst into the merriest of laughs and at the same moment turned into a little path which led down from the door of a rosewreathed cottage. A young and handsome gentleman advanced hastily to meet us, and Nora, with the demurest of mischievous smiles, courtsied low, as she presented 'her husband!" I saw the look of mingled coquet ry, mischief, and curiosity, which she stole at

me from under her downcast lashes; I saw the difficulty she had to repress her merriment-I saw what a fool I had been making of myself, and I turned precipitately to fly, Nora's pent up laughter now burst forth: peal after peal rung on the air, and I heard my tormentor call after me, Pray, pray, sir angler, return, and I will show you my ba-

Well, ladies and gentlemen, 'tis twenty years from that day to this; but I'm a bach elor yet, and I suppose I always shall be for I am as far off as aver from my ideal.
I cannot say the adventure I have narrated had any very deep or lasting effect upon me

and yet it has though; for since that same dling her feet in the water, I run as if ten thousand girls were after me. E. W. D.

A Great City in Central Africa.

Br. Bowen a Baptist Missionary, sent out from Florida, in his Journal mentions a visit made last April to Horrin, the capital of the about the largest town, with the exception of London, that he has ever seen. He describes the inhabitants as a peculiar people, with relieve myself in future from the difficulties ness, so little heart, that I could not fall in whom he was much pleased mostly black. even be considered sharp in America. Again, he speaks of them as 'that superior class' or race of men who have jet black skins with European features and large beard: They

are sometimes called white black men. Mr. Bowen adds :- I never saw an hon who can read and write surprised me. Many of them have no idols. They are generally serious, solid, sens ble people, and profess to believe in God. They have no tincture of Mahomedanism.'

The existence of such a people in a region hitherto unknown, but supposed to be the abode of utter barbarism, is a fact of no little interest. It would, seem from Mr. Bow-en's statements—(unfortunately his Journal is too brief to be satisfactory) that they are willing listeners to the preaching of the gospel. True, he was, on arriving at Horrin, subjected to nominal confinement a few days but very soon was received with honor by strange publications, written between eight? and ninety years since, speaks of meeting in the world of spirits, individuals from the interior of Africa whom he described as being, in moral characteristics, much in advance of other heathens. He speaks, especially of their readiness to receive the truth when communicated to them.

KEEP YOUR EYE ON YOUR NEIGHBORS my little beauty was evidently gay and fresh, Take care of them. Don't let them stir with-I could not make up my mind for a time knew them to do anything very bad, but it wrong if you do. To be sure you never to disturb so charming a scene, and therefore may be on your account they have not. Perhaps, if it had not been for your kind care they might have disgraced themselves and families a long time ago. Therefore don't relax any effort to keep them where they ought through the clear water—or flashed for a mo- to be; never mind your own business, that ment above its surface, flinging about the will take care of itself. There is a man pasbright glittering drops, and then plunging sing along—there he is looking over the fence again beneath the cool blue—never shall I into his neighbor's garden—be suspicious of forget them! The gracefully bent head with him, perhaps he contemplates stealing some its bright golden curls and braids, against thing some of these dark nights; there is no which now and then the sun sparkled from knowing what queer fancies he may have a chink in the leafy screen—the check deli- got into his head. If you see any symptoms of any one passing out of the path of rectithen caught a glimpse, formed a picture more tude, don't say anything to the erring indienchanting than anything I had ever imagined. vidual about it, but tell every one else that you can see, and be particular to see a great

the Courts of Heaven for the space of half an hour, don't let any such thing occur on earth : it would be too much like Heaven for the inhabitants of this mundane sphere. If after out of the way in any one, you may be sure it is not because they have not done anything

FISHY CONUNDRUMS.—What fish may be -was most charmingly gay and chatty. No said to be in place? A perch in a bird's cage: prudery, or thoughts of evil, ruffled the cur a skate in a cutler's shop; a place on the top Hopeful Son.—"I ain't had no trouble rent of her child-like, innocent thoughts. She of an omnibus; a sole at the bottom of your with 'em; I'm eaten 'em as peaceable as can was a careless child at play, glad of a playfel boot; whiting cleaning plate; and a mussel in a lady's neck?
I would have joyfully lingered for hours in Yes, and ale wives in tayerns; sharks round

It is said that Government will seek that enchanted grotto; but ere long Nors the court house; bass in concerts; suckers in concerts; s