

his post. If the marriage tie is to be formed—if a visit to the sick-bed be desired—if the dying may be directed and comforted, in the prospect of passing into eternity—if the bereaved may be consoled and encouraged—if in any other way he may promote their interests, he is always expected to be a willing and active agent. The office which he fills is highly honorable, and awfully momentous. It is no sinecure. It is sufficient to occupy the most vigorous mind. It severely tasks the energies of the strongest constitution; and the righteous Lord has ordained, that those who are thus engaged in his cause, shall be justly and generously treated.—As in devoting themselves to the gospel

ministry, they are excluded from gains which they might realize in other professions, or in the walks of merchandize, it is divinely enacted that a *duo* provision shall be made by the church for their support. "Even so hath the Lord ordained that they who preach the Gospel should live by the gospel." "Let him that is taught in the word communicate to him that teacheth in all good things." Such is the command of the Saviour in this matter; and to each of you he is saying, "Honor the Lord with thy substance and with the first fruits of all thine increase, so shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses burst forth with new wine."—*Tracts by Com. of U. P. C. Synod.*

YOUTH'S DEPARTMENT.

COMPOSITION OF A CHOCTAW GIRL.

It is to be hoped that none of the readers of the Dayspring need the rebuke contained in the following composition from a girl in one of the Choctaw mission schools. I am sorry to say, there are boys to whom it applies; but it can hardly be, that these are among the number who know the condition of the heathen, and who have found out what happiness it affords to help to give instruction to the children among them. Would such waste their money on a filthy habit, and which is so offensive also to their mothers and sisters? What think ye?

"THE TOBACCO PLANT.

"There is one plant which is quite common, but it is no favorite of mine. Its leaves are dried, and used in several ways. Their taste is very bad, and it is said there are only two animals that will eat them. One of these animals is a frightful looking green worm, the other belongs to the species called man. Now you all know what I mean, because there are so many persons that use it. It is a very dirty trick, indeed, to see persons sitting down smoking and chewing, to see their cheeks sticking out. I hate to look at them, and then spitting all about, even in the church, they had better leave it off, for that ugly green worm; I am sure every thing else will run away from it, because it is put into bundles of woolen cloth sometimes, to keep the insects out,

and it will kill cats, it is said. Oh, is it not a bad habit to use it, for it is a great waste of money, and some people, I think, must spit out their lives.

SOPHIA PERRY.

"NO GRUDGE TWO OR THREE COPPER."

A negro collector for the missionary Society in Sierra Leone once called on a man that would give him nothing. He talked and begged, but to no purpose. The man would give nothing. "What?" he said at last, "you grudge two or three copper? Society send missionary here many a year to we. Mr Renner come here, he die; Mr Gerber come, he die; Mr Bates come, he die; and plenty more for we, and you grudge de copper! What dare fader and moder think of we, if we grudge de copper. Dey send one child, two child, three child; all die. Black do dis fashion. He p'raps send one child, he die. Will he send t'oder one after him? no, neber! But white man send all, and you grudge two or three copper." But the negro might have gone higher. God has done more for us than we do for the heathen. He gave up his son to the death for us all. Oh, what shall we do for him in return?

Love so amazing so divine,
Demands our lives, our souls, our all