

BAPTIST BEDROCK.

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The Bible alone is authority on doctrine.

Conscience is amondable to the Lord only.

Christ is the supreme head and ruler of the church.

Freedom of thought and speech are inalienable rights.

Regeneration is wrought in the soul by the Holy Spirit.

Worship should be free from molestation or interference.

Pastors and deacons are the only scriptural church officers.

There are two ordinances—baptism and the Lord's supper.

The Lord's supper is not to be eaten by unbaptized persons.

Regenerate persons only are proper members of the church.

There is no connection whatever between the church and the state.

Baptism is the immersion of a believer, in the name of the Trinity.

The civil authorities have no jurisdiction in matters purely religious.

Full and free salvation through Christ is to be proclaimed to all nations.

Each local church is entirely independent of all other human authority.

The churches have a right to choose their pastors without outside dictation.

Sanctification begins in regeneration and grows with the growth of the spiritual man.

Regenerate souls are never lost but kept by the power of God, through faith, unto salvation.

Believers only are proper subjects for baptism, and baptized believers only are qualified for church membership.

How to Give.

Three resolutions were once passed at a missionary meeting of colored people. (1). That all should give something. (2). That all should give according to their means. (3). That all should give willingly. Among those who came forward to make their offerings was a rich old man, who put down a small silver coin. "Take that back," said the chairman, "that is according to the first, but not the second resolution." One after another came up and made their offerings; till the old man could stand it no longer, and, going up to the table, he threw down a dollar, saying somewhat angrily, "There, take that." "No," said the chairman, "that won't do either. It may be according to the first and second resolutions, but not the third." At last he came up with a smile and gave a much larger gift. "That is all right," said the chairman. "It is according to all the resolutions. God loveth a cheerful giver."

CHILDREN'S COLUMN.

The Little Boy's Wish.

When winter comes the people say,
"Oh, shut the door!" and when,
As sometimes happen, I forget,
They call me back again.

It takes till summer-time to learn;
And then things change about,
And "Leave it open!" is the cry
When I go in or out.

I try to be a pleasant boy,
And do just as I ought;
But when things are so hard to learn,
I wish they might stay taught.
—Little Folks.

OBVERSE AND REVERSE.

Two boys went to gather grapes.
One was happy because they found
grapes. The other was unhappy
because the grapes had seeds in them.

Two men, being convalescent, were
asked how they were. One said:
"I am better to-day." The other
said: "I was worse yesterday."

When it rains, one man says:
"This will make mud"; another:
"This will lay the dust."

Two boys examined a bush. One
observed that it had a thorn; the
other that it had a rose.

Two children were looking
through colored glasses. One said:
"The world is blue." And the other
said: "It is bright."

Two boys were having a quarrel
and the other was
The first called it a horn; the
other, a stinging-bee.

"I am glad that I live," says one
man. "I am sorry I must die," says
another.

"I am glad," says one, "that it is
no worse." "I am sorry," says an-
other, "that it is no better."

One says: "Our good is mixed
with evil." Another says: "Our
evil is mixed with good."

The Boastful Crocodile.

Abdullah was a crocodile,
Who paddled in the Upper Nile;
Along the river he was known
For his aggressive, war-like tone.

"Lions, indeed!" he snapped. "Well,
there,
Let them all come! I shall not care."
One lion only gave a roar—
Abdullah sought the father shore.

"The elephant is strong," quoth he,
"Yet he's afraid to tackle me!"
An elephant approached the flood—
Abdullah hid himself in mud.

"Even proud man do I defy!"
Was next the braggart reptile's cry.
"Me from the stream he ne'er shall
drag!"

Abdullah's now a tourist's bag!

—Felix Leigh.

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