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Address ALABAMA BAPTIST,
MARIU, Ala.

Patton, and Slaughter, and myself made up "Room No. 13." Where are

they now? Allen, Patton, and Williams all fell at Gettysburg—many young lawyers, all colonels of Virginia regiments, all of the same class (1865)—and Slaughter had been disabled for life before the sad day on which our room-mates fell.

When I was in the "third class" used to see Allen tugging over "Old Jack's" terrible load in Reston

Optics; and one day I opened the book; and on the fly-leaf found the following stanza, which I suspect was Allen's own:

" 'Tis said that Optics treat of light,
But, phoe! believe it not, my lark;
I've studied it with all my might,
And still it leaves me at the dark."

Knowledge of Mathematics.

Major Jackson seemed to be perfectly at home in the long and intricate chainments and other mathematical formulæ which make up so large a proportion of Bartlett's "Mechanics," "Optics and Acoustics," and "Spherical Astronomy;" and many of his pupils often wondered if there was in the three volumes an equation or formulæ which "Old Jack," could not repeat by heart.

And yet with all his accurate and minute knowledge of the course there was very little teaching done in that department, unless "teaching"

be made to mean the prescribing and hearing of lessons. The truth is that teaching, in the modern sense of the term, was not Jackson's forte. There was a man of marvellously few words who had no turn for explanation; seemed to have no talent for putting things in various points of view so as to adapt them to the various mental conditions of his pupils.

His Gravity.

Though I dearly under him for some three years, and recited to him daily for a year and a half, I never saw him laugh outright. A mere quiet subdued sort of smile was his nearest thing to laughter that I ever saw him indulge in; and these smiles

were very infrequent, and generally occurred when uncommonly ludicrous things took place in his immediate presence.

If Fallerton put on a collar made to order out of about three-quarters of an inch of linen, and then convulsed the class with a lecture on the grave but outrageously ludicrous nature of which he wore that collar in the classroom, Major Jackson would smile, knowing as he did that the *collar* was the single visible article of a cadet's wearing apparel of which the regulations did not rigidly prescribe the "form and substance."

If David Penn put on an uncommonly serious face and asked (apparently in good faith), "Major, can

We could never decide whether his gravity on such an occasion was real or assumed. I have often wondered if Jacky managed to preserve his gravity when he read a certain "excuse" handed down by Horik.

We had been at artillery drill, and Hambrick, along with the best of our third-class-men and "Phibes," were to perform the rather troublesome duty of pulling the cannon. Jackson had given the command (*la favorite*) and

with him), "Limbers and caissons, pass your pieces, trot, march!" Hambrick had failed to trot at command, and was reported by Jackson. The next morning the following excuse was handed in: "Report Cadet: Hambrick not trotting at artillery drill. Excuse: I am a natural pace." If Major Jackson *did* laugh when he read this, none of us ever found it out, for the document was probably read privately.

J. C. HIXEN.

Greenville, S. C.

Topics for Centennial Discourses.

The Centennial Committee of the

Brooklyn Baptist Social Union, in conformity with a request of a Convention of Brooklyn and Long Island pastors, and delegates have prepared a list of topics for Centennial discourses and addresses. A committee appointed by the Central Centennial Committee of the State of New York having been appointed for the same purpose, in reference to the pastors of the State, two committees have co-operated in their preparation. We have received the following list of topics from Mr. Churchill Cutting, President of the Brooklyn Union, and Dr. Simmons, Secretary of the State Committee. Among these topics pastors are earnestly desired to make choice, and having preached to

their own congregations, they are requested to repeat their discourses by exchanges with neighboring pastors. The variety is ample and their request complied with, cannot fail to promote an intelligent and earnest work in the Centennial commemoration :

1. The indebtedness of the Nation to Baptists for complete religious liberty.
2. The peculiar principles of Baptists as safeguard of the Republic.
3. Education and education among the Baptists during the past century.
4. Patrons of education in the Baptist denomination—their work and their honor.
5. The best attainable education of all the members essential to the success of the cause.

6. In the next century education will be more than ever, the ground of personal and social power.
7. Baptists in the Revolutionary period.
8. Baptist heroes and martyrs.
9. Equal facilities for education a debt of our churches due to woman.
10. The endowment of Christian Institutions of learning proved by history to be the most enduring investment of money, and the most powerful.

The Lord's Witnesses.

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BY SPURGEON.

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It is required of the Lord's witnesses that they speak the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth. Every witness in the court is sworn to do that, and every child of God is bound by the most solemn obligations to his God to do the same. Our God never requires a man to tell a lie for him. The Jesuits have held the theory that the end sanctifies the means; and so those—I was going to say diabolical—being suppose they are glorifying God when they heap falsehoods pile on pile. One of the chief qualifications for a priest is to be able to tell a lie without the slightest sign of blushing; and I must give some of them credit for proficiency in the art. Our Lord would not have us speak falsely for him, or even suppress the truth, to serve his cause. Some say to themselves, "I am a false position; but had I not, I suffer

The Religion we Want.

We want a religion that bears heavily, not only on the "exceeding sinfulness of sin," but on the exceeding rascality of lying and stealing—a religion that banishes small measures from the counter, small baskets from the stall, pebbles from the cotton bags, clay from the paper, sand from sugar, chicory from coffee, alum from bread, and water from the milk cans. The religion that is to save the world will not put all the big strawberries at the top and all the little ones at the bottom.

inspecting public for legal broadness. It does not put bricks at five dollars per cubic foot into chimneys; it contracts to build or seven dollar material; nor amuggle white pine in floors that have paid for white pine; nor leave yawning cracks in florets where boards ought to join; nor daub the ceilings that ought to be smoothly plastered; nor make window blinds with slate that cannot stand the wind, and paint that cannot stand the sun, and fastenings that may be looked at but are on no account to be touched. The religion that is going to sanctify the world pays its debt. It does not remember that forty cents returned for one hundred cents given is according to

A DETROITER, who didn't exactly know how to get a letter registered, sent some money away the other day, and wrote on the envelope: "Registered with a two dollar inside." Fearing that this might not be strong enough, one of his friends wrote: I send Jim put two dollars in this." The man who fools with this letter will get into trouble.

Alabama Baptist.

S. S. Department.

MARION, ALA.:

Thursday, March 30, 1876.

Second Quarter, Lesson II.

April 9th, 1876.

THE DAY OF PENTECOST.

Acts ii:1-11.

Leading Text.—He shall baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.—Matt. 3:11.

WALTER:
WAITING IN PRAYER.
FILLED WITH THE HOLY GHOST,
MIST OF TOMBUEM.

Our lesson records a great event in the history of Christ's Church, the day of Pentecost. How it strengthens and gives the soul to realize the fulfilled promises of our Lord. Did He say that the Holy Spirit would come after His necessary departure? Here we see the power and presence of the Holy Spirit through whom His kingdom will be established. Consider—

I. Waiting in Prayer.—(V. 1.)—It was a ten days' prayer meeting that was held. Jesus had been in heaven ten days. His disciples were knit together in love. Union in prayer on the basis of the promise of the ascended Christ marks God's people. Father, Son and Holy Spirit constitute the one living and true God, the one God called in our baptism and in our benedictions. They obey the command of Christ in waiting till the Spirit should come. Luke 24:47. This waiting is an element of faith and a means of renewing strength, and commands itself to us for imitation. O blessed attitude! O sacred obedience! O momentous period, big with mercies and wonders!

II. Filled with the Holy Spirit.—(V. 2.)—A heavenly sound "as of a rushing mighty wind" was heard—it "filled all the house where they were sitting"—not the temple, nor the ark of the covenant, any house may now under this new antitypical dispensation receive God's Holy Spirit. They sat as well as hear "tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them"—not the priest, nor the lawgiver, but any soul may now have his face aglow with the light of God. These signs symbolized the marvelous spread of the gospel in breaking down all errors, in giving light and warmth to the world, through consecrated agents anointed from heaven. "It sat upon them"—and so the Holy Spirit is to abide forever with God's church, forever, with all in God's house.

Now they were filled with the Holy Spirit—His life, His energies, His union, His grace endow and en-bless them.

This was a greater blessing than they sought—as old and common experience of God's saints. Many examples are given us of men filled with the Holy Spirit, Zacharias, Luke 1:67; Peter, Acts 4:8; Paul, Acts 13:9. O for the baptism of the Holy Spirit! O that God's people will ask for it as promised in Luke 11:13! It is secured when they are in close communion with one mind, before the Lord. No power without it, all power with it!

III. Gift of Tongues.—(V. 4.)—The Holy Spirit gave the apostles power to speak in all the languages, in even the patois, the corrupted, idiomatic, provincial dialects represented by "Jews and proselytes" from all parts of the known world. This sound was possibly heard all over Jerusalem, and by it men were troubled in mind; and would might they be, for the speakers were all of one nation and the hearers were of fifteen nations. (It would be well to use the map in elucidating these points. Of course these were professed Jews drawn to worship at their great Temple in their great capital.

Before the Spirit came the apostles had the brogue peculiar to Galilee. The gift was exercised as soon as bestowed, as soon as discovered. They would not frustrate the grace of God; they did not stop to reason about Ecclesiastical order; the gift came upon them as individuals that they might preach the gospel and found the church visible. God grant us such outpourings!

TEACHINGS.

1. Wait on the Lord, patiently, unitedly, obediently, trustfully.

2. God loves to give the Holy Spirit to His children, and He supplies all our need.

3. Jesus will fulfil His great promise. Consider the faithfulness, richness, sufficiency of His promises!

Mr. George Muller of the Bristol, Conn. Agency has for several weeks been holding religious services in Marion, Ala. He is so successful that he has been invited to continue his services in this place.

Children's Department.

The Disrespectful Son.

For month after month Robert Morehead has been treading the downward road, until, at last, even his Christian parents had almost given up all hope of his repentance.

Several of his companions had invited him to make one of a party, who were to have a grand frolic on a certain night.

These frolics were of frequent occurrence, and always, ere morning dawned, Mr. and Mrs. Morehead were called upon to admit a son so entirely under the influence of liquor that he could scarcely stagger into his home.

Occasionally policemen had borne him to his invalid mother, their rough but kindly hearts aching as they saw her silent agony.

This night, as Robert was in his room, preparing for the party, he heard his mother come to the door and speak his name.

He remained quiet, but in a moment the same loving voice again called, "Robert." Still receiving no answer, she cried, "O my son, won't you listen to your mother?"

Then, in a hard, angry voice, he called, "I do wish you would go and leave me alone."

She left him and tottered to her room, calling on her Heavenly Father for help in her great trouble.

Robert joined his friends, and as usual their frolic became high and boisterous, ending in a drunken revel.

The next day it was long after noon, when, having somewhat recovered from the effects of the night before, he came down stairs.

The first words which met him were, "Your mother is dead." He threw himself in a chair, and buried his face in his hands, moaning, "I told her to go away, and she has gone. She can never forgive me. It is too late too late!"

And the man rose and paced the room in his agony, going over and over the same words, "Too late! too late!"

The days and weeks passed on, but he continually heard that gentle voice, calling, "Robert," and the same dreary cry was in his heart.

His opportunity had come, but he had thrown it away, and now it was too late.

"Friend, are you not doing the same thing? Do you not hear Jesus' voice softly calling in your heart? Are you not rejecting him? He calls again and again, and you answer, 'Go and leave me alone.' He pleads so earnestly, and still you drive him away.

Be careful! for he may leave you, and then it will be too late. And then, though you weep and implore, though you cry continually, your only answer will be, 'It is too late.'"

"O come to Jesus now.—Kind Words.

"Get your hat, Robbie, as quickly as you can," said grandpa, as he drove up to the gate in a new shining buggy, drawn by his beautiful black horse, Dandy Jim. "I will give you a ride."

"Goodie, goodie!" said little Robbie, clapping his hands and dancing in great glee.

"But you must be very quick, because I am in great haste," said grandpa.

Robbie rushed in to the house crying, "Quick, quick, mamma get my hat; grandpa is going to take me to ride."

"Where is your hat?" said his mother.

"I don't know where I left it. O dear me! where can it be?" said Robbie, as he ran up stairs to look for it, while mamma hunted down stairs.

"Come Robbie, I can't wait another second," called grandpa, gathering up the reins; "you must learn to wait better care of your hat," and off he went, leaving poor Robbie crying very hard, as he watched Dandy Jim prancing down the street.

Carless Robbie learned a good lesson that day, for he was always very careful afterward to put his hat where he could find it at once.—Kind Words.

POZZLES.

The names of those from whom are received first answers to any of the puzzles will be published from week to week.

DOUBLE ACROSTIC.

1. To return an injury. 2. An arbitrator. 3. To frustrate. 4. Omnipresence. 5. A Massachusetts watering place. 6. An attachment for engines. 7. A pupil. 8. A soldier. 9. A celebrated Frenchman. 10. A New York politician. 11. An Indian.

My initials form something fast rising in popular favor. D. H. S.

RIDDLE.

I am composed of letters seven,
A name to noble women given;
Drop three of them (the last I mean),
And I'm a man, fit for a queen;
Cut off one more and then you'll see
That I'm a former sex will be;
Drop another, but two remain,
And then I am a man again.

REBUS.

My first is an express package; my second is in the sea. My whole is the same as my second.

My first is a female, my second an appendage; my third a sediment. My whole is a psychological character.

SHAKESPEAREAN ENIGMA.

I am composed of 64 letters.
My 1st, 10, 20, 31, 63, 14, 60, 59, 21 is a character in Hamlet.
My 2d, 3d, 4d, 5d, 6d, 12, 30, 32, 33 is a character in Othello.
My 4d, 5d, 6d, 10, 31, 32 is the name of a character in Hamlet.
My 7d, 8d, 9d, 10, 11, 12 is a kind of cloth.
My 13d, 14d, 15d, 16d, 17d, 18d, 19d, 20d, 21d, 22d, 23d, 24d, 25d, 26d, 27d, 28d, 29d, 30d, 31d, 32d, 33d, 34d, 35d, 36d, 37d, 38d, 39d, 40d, 41d, 42d, 43d, 44d, 45d, 46d, 47d, 48d, 49d, 50d, 51d, 52d, 53d, 54d, 55d, 56d, 57d, 58d, 59d, 60d, 61d, 62d, 63d, 64d is a character in Midsummer Night's Dream.

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Communications.

Several Items.

Dear Bro. Editor: It was my privilege to be at Harpersville on the 21st inst., and hear the

Rev. T. M. Bailey discuss the Sunday-school question. He did it well. Although he said, in the outset, he did not expect to preach a sermon, yet it was good preaching.

He can handle the subject so nicely! And knows how to get hold of an audience! He preached salvation by grace; and works resulting from love to Jesus, not from a fear of being lost. There are many people who believe in works, but alas! they mistake the impelling motives. Wish we had more such men as Bro. Bailey in our country. He mentioned the

State Board, and several contributed. How sad a thing it must be for a Mission Board to have an empty treasury! God grant that people may be made liberal. I have heard of brethren cultivating rich farms—raising their thousands of dollars worth of produce, and yet

Two poor, to assist the Board, too poor to contribute a quarter to relieve the wants of the suffering family of the blest Missionary of the Cross; who is weary in barren lands—away from home, away from friends, and all that heart holds dear. "Brethren, these things ought not to be." In my stammering manner, I made an appeal in behalf of Bro.

Willis Burns.

Some of the brethren responded right liberally. This did my soul good. I love to assist in relieving the suffering Missionary. I know Jesus has said to us, "He that giveth to one of these little ones a cup of cold water only in my name, verily I say unto you, he shall not lose his reward."

But some say who is Burns? and why don't the ALA. BAPT. say something about him? Now, I'm not afraid of him myself—I have heard him called a good man, and he is doing a noble work. But, for the information of the doubting, will not some one who knows him tell us something about him? and will not some member of the Board tell us why the Board ceases to sustain him? Tell us through the ALA. BAPT.

Our people are poor, and hard run, but who could not give a quarter for missions—to Jesus—instead of buying a shou-fly, or a ribbon, or some unnecessary ornament? Some look on giving to missions as a

Charity, and if they do happen to give a little, they think it gone, not once dreaming that it is their imperative duty to hold up the hands of the heralds of the Cross, as the Israelites did the hands of Moses. This is why our Israel does not win the victory often.

"Ye cannot serve God and mammon." What might not be done, in the cause, if our 15 or 20,000 Baptists would only come up to the help of the Lord against the mighty? How the little Davids would go forth with their Master to battle! And how they would make the Goliaths of heathenism, of false idols and of sin and wickedness fall to the ground! Some Christians do help nobly.

Boulah is still enjoying a Revival of religion. On the fourth Sunday in February, at conference, we received one by experience. His experience was quite singular. He is a youth of seventeen, and said that, prior to the night of the fourth Sunday in August, he did not believe in a future state; but, while watching two young ladies under conviction, and seeing them after conversion rejoicing in a sense of pardoning love, he was convinced of his error; and so went home praying.

After the lapse of some months, he saw another young lady die; heard her shout, tell where she was going—to Heaven—and saw her bid farewell to the world. Then he fully renounced his old error, and continued to pray. His appearance showed that he was converted. In January we received two by experience and one by letter.

T. M. M.

Kelly's Creek, March 6, 1876.

[Bro. Willis Burns will read this article, and we hope that he will furnish our readers with such information as he thinks proper regarding his labors among the Indians.—Ed.]

THE FRUIT AND THE WEATHER.

An honored brother, Rev. D. Lee, writing from Mt. Willing, says of the fruit: "There is one thing worthy of note, viz: peach trees, although an early tree to bloom, have scarcely any blossoms on them. The winter of 1875-6 was a very warm winter. Many of the peach trees bloomed early in Jan. In some orchards nearly one-half neither bloomed nor put forth a leaf until May. During the first week in April, 1876, the weather was quite cold. The forest leaves were quenched by the frost; wheat was killed, &c. All the fruit on the trees which bloomed early in 1876 was killed by the April frost. The peach trees that bloomed until May were not killed."

THE FALL OF FLESH.—A very singular phenomenon occurred, March 3rd, in Pleasanton, Ky. It took place about 3 o'clock in the afternoon. The day had been pleasant, and at 10 o'clock the sun was shining brightly, and the air was clear and beautiful.

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It is that peach trees, and in my orchard, apple and pear trees have held back their blossoms and leaves while the forest trees are green with leaves."

Take the Paper.

We find the following going the rounds of the press. Read, ponder and say: "Why don't you take the paper? They're the life of my delight, except about election time, and then I read for spite. Subscribe, you cannot lose a cent; why should you be afraid for cash? This is a money lent at interest, fourfold paid. Go, then, and take the paper, and my word it is true, you'll live until you are gray. An old neighbor of mine, while dying of a cough, desired to hear the latest news while he was going off. I took the paper and I read of some new pills in force; he bought a box and he is dead! no heartier as a horse. I knew two men as much alike as ever you saw two stumps; and no phenomenon could find a difference in their bumps. One found the paper and the life is happy; the other a king's life, his children can read and write, and talk of men and things. The other took no paper, and while strolling through the wood a tree fell down and broke his crown, and killed him—"very good." Had he been reading the news, at home like his neighbor Jim, I'll bet a cent that accident would not have happened him, for he who takes the paper, and pays his bill when due, can live in peace with every man, and with the printer too.

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valid and in Jefferson county, it was three inches deep, while at Decatur, it was six inches. The weather of last week was perhaps the coldest of the season.

EMERSON.—The Columbus Enquirer says: "Four thousand two hundred and seventy-one emigrant tickets have been sold at the office of the Western railroad of Alabama, and two hundred at that of the Mobile and Girard railroad, making a total of four thousand four hundred and seventy-one since December 1. Of this number hardly one hundred and seventy-five are whites.

CHOCOLATE.—In these days of cheap, it might be well to try the following remedy, clipped from the Montgomery Advertiser: "Group may be cured in one minute, and the remedy is simply alum and sugar. The way to accomplish this is to take a knife or grater and shave off in small particles about a teaspoonful of alum, then mix it with about twice its quantity of sugar, to make palatable, and administer it as quick as possible. Almost instant relief will follow."

MOVEMENT.—A Lowndes county couple recently married under difficulties. The bride's parents opposed the union. But the lovers were determined. In escaping they drowned two horses in the Tallapoosa creek, which was much swollen. At Selma, they could not proceed a house, the young lady being but sixteen years of age. Again boarding the train, they proceeded to Columbus, Ga., where they were happily made. "The parties belong to well known and highly respected families."

MUSCLE SHOALS CANAL.—Among the most notable of all the internal improvements now going on the United States is the opening of the canal around Muscle Shoals in the Tennessee river, between Decatur and Florence, Alabama, the entire length of which is twenty-seven miles. At the last session of Congress an appropriation of four hundred thousand dollars was made for the purpose of commencing this great enterprise, and there are, at this writing, not less than nine hundred men employed on the work. The contractors will, without doubt, fulfill their engagements with the Government, and in the end turn over to navigation, a canal twelve feet in depth and eighty feet in width, the utility of which none will ever question.

General News.

Gen. Schenck, resigned Minister to England, has reached Washington.

The new catalogue shows that Michigan University has 1,127 pupils.

A library association has been formed by the negroes of Richmond, and they ask for books.

Britain has been visited by heavy snow storms. At some points the snow was twelve feet deep. The trains were blocked.

The Texas Pacific Railroad will give free passes to the centennial survivors of the Mexican War.

The Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railroad has been completed, shortening the time-table from New York to Colorado about twenty-four hours.

Fifty million feet of lumber have been cut on the Kennebec river this season, only half as much as last year's yield.

The Pennsylvania Legislature are considering a bill which makes it a penal offense to point a gun or pistol at a person, whether in jest or earnest.

Gold hunters are now rushing to the Black Hills in search of the yellow dust. On March 15th, 150 men and boys reached Cheyenne on their way to the gold region.

In the State Senate, S. C. Montgomery Moses, Judge of the Seventh Circuit, has been found guilty of high crimes and misdemeanors, and formally dismissed from office.

The Academy of Medicine and Surgery, St. Petersburg, is attended by 171 women and girls, 102 of whom are of titled birth. They mix harmoniously with the other sex in the dissecting rooms.

The prairies of southern Minnesota, since the stoppage of prairie fires, are fast being covered with a thick growth of willow, wild apple, oak and aspen trees, which spring up spontaneously.

From the committee of three to investigate C. W. Bultz, of the Charleston Circuit, a majority report him guilty of high crimes and misdemeanors, and recommend his impeachment.

A new kind of door hinge has been invented. Its peculiarity is that the door not only shuts quickly and noiselessly, but it hits the person who leaves the door open a fierce blow on the back.

The crematoriums of Germany will hold an annual meeting in April, at Gotha, where the Government has officially sanctioned their mode of disposing of the dead and permitted its public use.

DECLINE.—At the eighteenth annual meeting of the Grand Lodge of Good Templars of Massachusetts, held at Worcester last week, a membership of 18,129 in 188 lodges was reported, being a loss during the year of 1,888 members and 11 lodges.

DAMAGES TO THE AMOUNT OF \$4,500 have been recovered from Frank Leslie, the celebrated New York publisher, by Benjamin Whitman, who was represented in a *Day's Doing* illustration of a boarding-house "row" as one of the participants.

If your geraniums don't flourish, just graft them upon tomato vines and see how they work. A Los Angeles man tried it, and his geranium, or tomato, is hard to tell which is growing thriftily and blossoming beautifully.

It seems likely that Geo. H. Pendleton is to go the way of Belknap. He is said to have paid Mr. Bowers (afterwards Mrs.

