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Old Club-Ax Davis.
A Blackwoods Sermon Preached Fifty Years Ago.
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Says an Exchange: The following article has been sent to us, as a clipping by an elderly lady of Philadelphia. She says she has preserved it for about twenty years, and that a number of people have requested its republication. It is an account of a sermon said to have been heard in Georgia nearly a half century ago.

The preacher was apparently about fifty years of age, large, muscular and well proportioned. On entering the pulpit he took off his coat and hung it on a nail behind him, then opened his collar and wrist-bands and wiped the perspiration from his face, neck and hands. He was clad in striped cotton homespun and his shirt was of the same material. He had traveled several miles that morning, and seemed almost overcome by the heat. But the brethren sang a couple of hymns while he was cooling off, and when he rose he looked comfortable and good natured.

He had preached there once or twice before, but to most of the audience he was a stranger. Hence he thought it necessary to announce himself, which he did as "Old Club-Ax Davis, from Scriven county, a Half-Hard and Half-Soft Shell Baptist."

"I have given myself that name," he said, "because I believe the Lord elected me, from eternity, to go ahead in the backwoods and grub out a path and blaze the way for other men to follow. After the thickest of it is out away, a good, warm Methodist brother will make things a little smoother and a good deal noisier. After all the underbrush is cleaned out, and the owls and wolves are skored back, and the rattlesnakes is killed off, a Presbyterian brother, in black broadcloth and white cravat, will come along and cry for decency and order. And they'll both do good in their sphere. I don't despise a larnt man, even when he doesn't dress and think as I do. You couldn't pay me enough to wear broadcloth, summer nor winter, and you couldn't pay a Presbyterian brother enough to go without it in dog-days.

"God didn't make us all alike, my brethren, but every man has his own sphere. When God has a place to fill he makes a man and puts him in it. When he wanted General Jackson, he made him and sets him to fight'n Injuns and English; when he wanted George Whitfield, he made him for to blow the Gospel trumpet as no other man has ever blowed; and when he wanted Old Club-Ax Davis, he made him, and set him to grubbin' in the backwoods.

"But my shell isn't so hard but I can see pints in everybody; and as for the Presbyterian, they are a long way ahead of us Baptist and Methodist in some things. They raise their children better than any other people on the face of the earth. Only a few days ago a Methodist class-leader said to me: "Brother Club-Ax, I was born a Methodist, and by the grace of God I hope to die a Methodist; but, thank God, I've got a Presbyterian wife to raise my children." And I believe, my brethren, if the Lord should open the way for me to marry again, I'd try my best to find a Presbyterian woman, and run my chances of breakin' her into the saving doctrines of fee' washin' and immersion afterwards."

Just at this moment he was interrupted by two spotted hounds that had been continually running up and down the pulpit stairs. One of them jumped up on his seat and began to gnaw his coat tail, in which was something he had brought along for lunch. He turned slowly around and took him by the ears and tail and threw him out of the window behind him as easily as if he had been a young kitten. The other took warning and got out as rapidly as possible, though not without howling as if he had been half killed. He then turned to the audience and said, smilingly: "St Paul exhorted the brethren to 'Beware of dogs.'" I wonder what he would do if he were in my place this morning. It appears as if I am 'compussed about with dogs, as David said he was."

He had scarcely commenced preaching again before there was a terrible squealing and kicking among the horses and mules that were tied to trees close by. He put his head out of the window, and said, "No harm done, my brethren. Just a creature with a side-saddle on a broke with loose. Will some brother head the animal for no sister can walk home

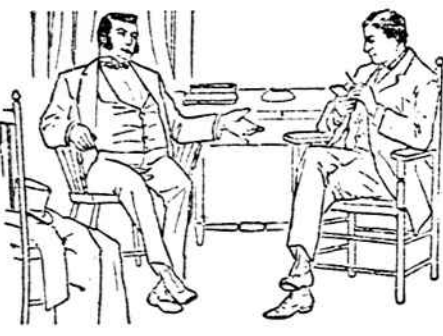
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Swansea's News.

To the Editor of the Dispatch:

On Sunday, April 21, the two Sunday schools here united in having a children's day. The celebration was conducted at the Baptist church and was an enjoyable day. The program was well carried out and the children acted their parts well. It was entirely confined to the young folks except an address of Hon. W. H. F. Rast, from the Methodist Sunday school, who by invitation gave a short talk to the audience.

Meeting of Joint Conference.

The Joint Conference will meet D. V. April 28, 30, at Mt. Tabor church, Brookland, S. C. The following is the program of subjects, sermons and speakers:

- Friday 11 a. m.—Opening sermon; followed by formal opening of Conference by the President.
- These subjects are to be discussed:
 - 1. How to enjoy our religion—Delegates from Mt. Vernon church and Revs. T. W. Shealy, Jacob Wike and Jacob Graichen.
 - 2. Baptism, what is, when administered, what benefits derived?—Delegates from Mt. Tabor, Luther Chapel Revs. E. L. Lybrand and R. E. Livingston.
 - 3. Essay, Historical Lutheranism—Rev. C. P. Boozer.
 - 4. The position of the Word in the Lutheran Church—Dr. J. W. Eargle, Revs. P. H. E. Derrick, S. P. Shumprer, J. D. Shealy, W. H. Roof and A. W. Lindler.
 - 5. Address on Christian Education—Hon. C. M. Eflord and President George B. Cromer.
- Sunday morning, Address on missions—Hon. H. A. Meetez and Rev. J. D. Shealy.

SERMONS

- Friday, 11 a. m., Rev. Jacob Wike or Rev. J. A. Cromer.
- Friday, 8 p. m., Rev. O. B. Shearouse or W. H. Roof.
- Saturday, 11 a. m., Rev. H. J. Mathias or Rev. R. E. Livingstone.
- Saturday, 8 p. m., Rev. P. H. E. Derrick or Rev. Jacob Austin.
- Sunday, 11 a. m., Rev. A. R. Beck or Rev. C. P. Boozer.

The addresses on Christian Education are set for Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The sermon on Sunday will be on the subject "The Office of the Keys."

S. C. Ballentine, Secretary. White Rock, S. C., March 28, 1893.

"They tell me Grimley, that your daughter sings with great expression." "Greatest expression you ever saw. Her own mother can't recognize her face when she's singing at her best."

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ing of that crop on this line of road. The unprincipled dealers have so swindled the melon growers that the planting of them except on agreement with responsible parties to buy them at an agreed price at depot before leaving, had been very much abandoned, and the railroads are losing this important freight item.

Those fellows that have turned the world upside down have come hither also, and have siezed two stills on Sandy Run and one near Swansea. One of the two on Sandy Run was a "homemade concern" and had wooden sides and a copper bottom. Several indictments have been gotten out by the officers before Magistrate Jefecoat and several parties were arraigned here on Wednesday, the 5th inst. They were represented by W. H. Sharpe, Esq., who strove hard to have the matter ended here for want of sufficient evidence. Judge Jefecoat decided to release one and held David Moore and Joel Harsey, known here also as "The Prophet Joel, over on bond to meet at Cozar's bar. No illicit whiskeys so far have been found and "they say" the Constables are gone to Orangeburg, but whether their work is done here is not known.

The chief speaker among the Constables said that hitherto he had considered himself a hustler on a big lie, but that he had been so mortified at his failure here to keep up with certain parties that voluntarily he had given up his belt and that henceforth another brother would wear the laurels, another victor would take the prize and get from Beelzebub that welcome plaudit, well done, faithful servant and pupil, into into the kingdom of the Prince of Liars.

Lexington, the equal of any and inferior of none, still jack frost was here yesterday and made a raid and was successful in his seizure too. We have no place to hide from his searching eye and relentless fury and as the negroes say, "he levelled on de crop" and we will have to look further and make other arrangements for a fruitage this summer. Cold continues late and planting delayed. Small grain fields are looking green and promising, and we trust that hope deferred will soon not sicken but make the hearts of our countrymen glad and cheerful.

Yesterday I saw a young man sitting on a crossie pile humming, "the swallows homeward fly," in a very thoughtful meditative way which indicated an upheaval within that was hard to control. The day previous he was trying to talk and only could in broken and disconnected monosyllables, and all his efforts proved that he was but master of the situation. Oh! how Spectator could look on him and recall the time when he was in "just such a box" exactly. I wanted to tell that "weary boy," and tell that girl just what old Adam told Eve, "that what I want fair creature is thyself" and all will be peace. Then I thought of what Mark Twain said when he had traveled all over the world and that when he had gotten to Adam's grave he felt very sad to think that there lies a man who unintentionally had caused him (Mark Twain) so much trouble. I then could see how Mark Twain and the young man could blame Adam and the girl for much that they are not responsible for and only needs the asking for help and relief.

I can't see how a man, when he wants to make a woman happy, gets so chocky, non expressive and so intensely monosyllabic and yet, the more, they say, he is earnest, the more serious are these troubles. I tried to explain this young man's condition by saying to myself, Oh! well, he is an awkward, backward country cracker, but that don't tell the story when great learned men meet a like fate.

There was an eloquent Bishop of the Methodist Church who was so unfortunate as to lose his first wife and who afterwards came, in course of his wanderings, with "a smashing widow." The experience of the rest of mankind was his sad heritage. Babylonish confession sat on his tongue and forbid an intelligent exchange of sentiment. In vain he tried, again the veto came till it became painful and wearisome to the hopes and desires of the anxious, waiting listener, who earnestly sought opportunities to come to his relief and to extend to her confounded



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A Good Reason

Why An Old Colored Preacher Didn't Like Long Prayers.

"It happened," said C. J. Jack Choir, at Chamberlain's, "that there were two colored preachers inhabiting cells in the penitentiary at Frankfort at the same time. If I remember aright both were sentenced for polygamy, but Old Sam was a Methodist parson, while Old Jake was of the Baptist faith. It seems that Sam had done something greatly to offend the warden, and the punishment decided on was an old fashioned lashing. Some weeks after the affair came off the Rev. Sam, whom I had known from boyhood, was telling me about it.

April 6th, 1899.

"I didn't min' de whippin' so much, Mars Jack, of it hadn't been for de way Old Jake acted. You see de warden he said to me, 'Sam, Isegwine to whip you, an' I low de whippin' will do you a whole heap uv good. I'm gwine to let Old Jake pray fer you, and de blows will continue to fall on your back hide while Jake's par' is a goin' on. When he comes to a final stop, den de punishment will likewise end."

"Lind sakes, Mars Jack, I knowed it was up wid me den, for date ignorant old nigger neber did know when it was time to git up off'n his knees. De fac dat a po' human being was in distress wasn't gwine ter mek a bit of difference wid him. Well, sir, it was jes like I spected it'd be. Dey brought me out an' Ole Jake, de ole villain, started in, and as fast as he prayed the warden come down on me wid a whip dat cut like a knife. I neber did want ter hear a pra'r come to an end so bad in all my life, but it weren't any use. Ebery time I thought he was mos' through Ole Jake took a fresh hold and down come de licks hard'n ever. Shorely it seemed to me like he prayed a month, and Mars Jack, I wants to tell you right now dat I am sot against long pra'rs fo' de rest uv my life."

A Gospel Yacht.

The Gospel yacht, now being built at Jeffersonville, Ind., will shortly make a trip to the Cuban coast. It will have on board a devoted band of preachers and missionaries, in fact, the entire crew will be ministers or mission workers, and the sole object of their voyage is to make converts. The yacht is the largest ever built for the purpose. It is 160 feet long, with an auditorium, or chapel, between decks capable of seating 700 persons. The decks will seat about 1,000 more, and will be used for religious services whenever practicable. The boat is to be launched on the Ohio River, and will reach the ocean by way of the Ohio and Mississippi waters. Missionary work will be carried on along the way, and advantage taken of every opportunity to preach. Several of the workers speak Spanish. The yacht will sail under the auspices of the Gospel Yacht Association, which is international, and has about 900 members. The crew will be supported by the members of the association, many of whom are prominent clergymen, and by voluntary offerings from the people with whom they work.

Where Is It?

"A remarkable condition of affairs in the South and West," says the Philadelphia North American, "is reported by United States Treasurer Roberts, who says that almost piteous demands are being made upon him from those quarters for silver and paper money to take the place of gold, which has become a glut on the market. There is so much gold in circulation that the farmers have become tired of it and want a substitute more easily handled, and preferably paper money." The News and Courier says this is very interesting news, and is likewise some what surprising. Would the North American kindly specify in what part of the South the condition described obtains? If gold is a glut anywhere in this region, or any farmers especially have had a surfeit of it, the fact has wholly escaped the attention of local observers.

W. F. Rawl, New Brookland, S. C., writes: Have used Dr. M. A. Simmons Liver Medicine many years, and consider it the best liver medicine made. I regard it a miracle compared with Zeilin's Regulator.

Personal.

Columbia Daily Record, April 6.
Dr. Sam C. Harman has returned from Nashville, where he graduated from the University of Tennessee with the degree of M. D. He is a son of Mr. Fred Harman and read medicine under Dr. F. D. Kendall before going to a medical college. He has not yet decided where he will locate.

Joe S. Huffman, whose skull was recently fractured, is rapidly recovering. He is being attended by Dr. F. D. Kendall.

Surgeon Griffith, of the Second South Carolina Regiment, was over from Augusta this week to visit his mother, who is sick. Surgeon Griffith is a son of D. J. Griffith, the superintendent of the penitentiary, and is a young physician who will make his mark. He is very popular in the regiment.

Rheumatism Cured.

My wife has used Chamberlain's Pain Balm for rheumatism with great relief, and I can recommend it as a splendid liniment for rheumatism and other household use for which we have found it valuable.—W. J. Cuyler, Red Creek, N. Y.

Mr. Cuyler is one of the most prominent men in this vicinity.—W. G. Phippin, Editor Red Creek Herald. For sale by J. E. Kaufmann.

There is a bill before the Massachusetts legislature to make it compulsory to use wide instead of narrow tires on vehicles. The statesman who drafted the bill has become tired of seeing the state spend money to fix up the roads and then have them cut up by these narrow tires.

But few women are deep thinkers, but they are all close observers.

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Occasionally we meet a man whose mind is so weak that it can't even wonder.

A competent judge of music says some vocalists ought to get life sentences.

A Jersey City man boasts that he has the addresses of 20,000 red-haired women.

Some men are silent because of their wisdom and some because of their ignorance.

Dr. M. A. Simmons Liver Medicine Clears the Complexion, gives buoyancy to the Mind, cures Headache, Regulates stomach, Bowels and Liver.

In Berlin sheet music is sold by weight. In this country the autocrat of the bass drum supplies it by the pound.

Little Clarence—"Papa, what is the difference between firmness and obstinacy?" Papa—"Merely a matter of sex, my son."

Teacher—"Wat happens when a man's temperature goes down as far as it can go?" Smart Scholar—"He has cold feet, ma'am."

When you ask for Dr. M. A. Simmons Liver Medicine, see that you get it and not some worthless imitation.

An Ohio girl recently took the gold cure for love. She broke her engagement with a poor young man and married a wealthy old one.

Philadelphia is afflicted with an epidemic of typhoid fever. Since January 1, there have been 3,286 cases and 359 deaths from the disease.

Visitor—"To what do you ascribe your extreme age? Octogenarian?" Wal, I never stole a boss, shot a neighbor's dog or called a man a liar.

Malaria cannot find a lodgment in the system while the Liver is in perfect order. Dr. M. A. Simmons Liver Medicine is the best Regulator.

"If you don't love me," he exclaimed with unworldly passion, "I'll go to the dogs." "Not," she coldly returned, "if the dogs see you first."

None of God's appointments will seem grievous to us if we remember that the will of God never differs from the love of God. If we fear to rest on the one, we may fearlessly and fully accept the other.

I was reading an advertisement of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy in the Worcester Enterprise recently, which leads me to write this. I can truthfully say I never used any remedy equal to it for colic and diarrhoea. I have never had to use more than one or two doses to cure the worst case with myself or children.—W. A. Stroud, Popponoke City, Md. For sale by J. E. Kaufmann.

The United States volunteers in Manila have been supplied with Krag Jorgensen rifles.

Southern Pines, one of the smallest townships in North Carolina, shipped 4,000,000 pounds of fruit to northern markets in 1898. It was all raised by northern invalids living there for their health.

A Torpid Liver causes Depression of Spirits, Indigestion, Constipation, Headache. Use Dr. M. A. Simmons Liver Medicine to stimulate that organ.

An incipient negro rebellion in Manila has been promptly suppressed by the Americans.

Whenever we try to give happiness to somebody else, it can't help keeping some of it for ourselves.

EASYGOING PEOPLE

Those who disregard their indications of disease.

The progress of catarrh is frequently gradual. Chronic catarrh secures possession without the knowledge of its victim.

It has become so common to say, "Every body has a little catarrh," that many easy going people pay slight attention to it. Yet no class of disease is so difficult to shake off.

Many people well advanced in years find themselves in the toils of catarrh. Mr. and Mrs. Colburn of G'ngers, Tex., found help in Peruna. Colburn's letter follows:

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DEAR SIRS:—I think you Peruna is the best medicine I ever tried for catarrh. I've tried all the catarrh medicines at I could hear of and none of them did me good until I tried yours. I and my wife have both used the Peruna and Man-a-lin, and we are about cured. I am 70 years old and my wife is 66. When we commenced to take your medicines we were not able to see after our work, but now she can tend to her work and I see after my farm. You can use this publicly if you want to.—A. P. Colburn, Giddings, Tex.