

Humorous Department.

ORTHODOX HARD TO FIND.—A Scotch elder, who did not believe that his own minister held strictly orthodox views, wished to have his babe baptized, but would not risk its spiritual welfare by having him perform the rite in any heterodox manner.

"We'll gang to Maister Erskine. That godly man will be no fishing or hunting." So he found the house, but as he approached he heard the sound of music.

"Ye have company the night. I hear the fiddle going." "Na, na," she answered, blushing.

"The good man went away without making his errand known. No minister who played the fiddle could baptize his bairn, so he went back to his own, who neither fished, hunted nor played forbidden music, and let him name the child.

QUENCHED.—Knowledge of any sort being built on study and research, the pretender to its possession generally has a short rope.

A friend of the baron's went to an evening party at Frankfort, where he expected to meet Herr von Radowitz, who was somewhat inclined to pose as a scientist.

"Have you seen the beautiful aurora?" he said to Stockman's friend. "Certainly!" was the reply.

WHY HE KEPT SILENT.—At an evening party a gentleman related an adventure in which he had been the principal actor, and seeing unmistakable shadows of doubt on the faces of his hearers, he appealed to a friend who was present and who had witnessed the circumstances to corroborate his statement.

To his utter confusion his friend denied all knowledge of the affair. Meeting some time afterward the suspected Ananias said:

"It is possible that you can have forgotten the circumstance to which I referred at Mrs. A.'s party the other night?"

"Certainly not, my dear fellow," replied his friend; "but I could see that everyone present looked upon you as an incorrigible liar, and I had too much regard for my character to risk being taken for another."—London Answers.

A WORLD POWER.—"I tell you, ain't none o' th' nations a-goin' t' tackle us," shouted the man with the faded hair, gesticulating wildly to the assembled crowd.

"We're a world power now, an' we've got 'em all skereed. Why, we've got a big navy, th' best army in th' world, an' we've got more money than we can haul in a hay wagon. We're so almighty big an' rich that we kin—"

"Yes, we've got all them things," interrupted a woman who had slipped into the crowd and grasped the orator by the arm. "We're a world power all right; but we ain't got enough wood sawed to boil Squire Richman's wash in, an' if we don't get it right away a portion o' this great nation ain't goin' t' gif n' dinner. Now you mosey off home an' let Europe tremble all she wants to."

Not long ago, in Perthshire, Scotland, a woman was driving her husband down a narrow lane, when, on turning a sharp corner, they encountered a brewer's cart.

"He must go back, for I shall not. He ought to have seen us before entering the lane."

"But, my dear," replied the husband, "how could he with this sudden turn in the road?"

"I don't care," said the woman, very haughtily; "I shall stay here all night before I give way to him."

The driver of the cart overheard all the conversation and said, resignedly: "A' richt, sir; I'll gang back"—adding, sympathetically, "I've got just such another one at home."

Grose relates that Caulfield, meeting Mr. Thomas Sandby, said: "My dear Sandby, I'm glad to see you. Pray, is it you or your brother?" It was a Spaniard who remarked ingeniously that an author should always write his own index, let who will write the book.

Patience—Did Peggy advertise an announcement of her engagement in the newspapers? Patience—No, she didn't have to; she told all her girl friends that it was a secret.—Yonkers Statesman.

"Why don't you challenge him to prove the truth of his scandalous assertion," said the American.

International Lesson.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

LESSON VII, FOURTH QUARTER, INTERNATIONAL SERIES, NOV. 17.

Text of the Lesson, Ex. ii, 1-10—Memory Verses, 7-10—Golden Text, Prov. xxii, 6—Commentary Prepared by the Rev. D. M. Stearns.

[Copyright, 1901, by American Press Association.] 1. The bondage of Israel continued, and they sighed and cried by reason of it, and their cry came up unto God, and He heard their groaning and remembered His covenant with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, and His time drew near to deliver them, according to His assurance to Abraham in Gen. xv, 13, for He will keep every promise in the fullness of time, through Him who came at the fullness of the time (Gal. iv, 4). All sin and wrong and oppression is ever crying to God, and He will see to it (verses 23-25; Gen. iv, 10; Hab. ii, 11; Jas. v, 4). From the house of Levi God ordained that the deliverer, the human instrument, should come. "Known unto God are all His works, from the beginning of the world" (Acts xv, 18). The man of the house of Levi was Amram, and the daughter of Levi was Jochebed, and the child spoken of in our lesson was Moses, whose elder brother and sister were Aaron and Miriam (Ex. vi, 18-20; Num. xxvii, 50). Concerning this child it is written in Acts vi, 20, that he was exceeding fair (margin, fair to God) and nourished up in his father's house three months. In Heb. xii, 23, the statement is "By faith Moses, when he was born, was hid three months of his parents, because they saw he was a proper child, and they were not afraid of the king's commandment." The faith that sees God is not afraid of any king's commandment. Consider Daniel and his friends.

This is the second of the three ark of Scripture, each of which was made for a similar purpose, to preserve what they contained; the ark of Noah to preserve himself and family and all the creatures which God sent into it, the ark of the tabernacle to preserve the law on the two tables of stone and this ark to preserve the babe chosen of God. As God gave full instructions concerning the ark, He instructed the mother of Moses concerning this one, for the record in Heb. xi is that it was all by faith, but there can be no faith where there is no word of God to rest upon or be governed by, for faith cometh by hearing the word of God (Rom. x, 17). With strong confidence in God did Jochebed place that ark with its precious treasure among the flags by the river's brink, and with intense interest did Miriam watch to see what God would do for her baby brother.

5, 6. "This is one of the Hebrews' children." How true are the words of the old hymn, "God moves in a mysterious way His wonders to perform;" Pharaoh decreeing the death of all the male Hebrew children (i, 22), and Pharaoh's daughter moved with compassion to spare this one who was destined to be the husband of her own mother, whom God would humble the pride of Egypt. How blessed are those who have their inheritance in Him who worketh all things after the counsel of His own will (Eph. i, 11). Rev. Andrew Murray says, "No wonder that all things are possible to faith, which just means allowing God to work; God teach that blessed life of dependence in which the Son ever lived with the Father." Amram and Jochebed and all others mentioned in Scripture as men and women of faith lived this life in some measure, and it is the life that all believers should live, saying, "I live, yet not I, but Christ liveth in me, and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me" (Gal. ii, 20). It is ours to yield ourselves to Him, obey His commands and trust, and wait to see what He will say, then "Do as occasion serve thee, for God is with thee" (1 Sam. x, 7).

8. "Take this child away and nurse it for me, and I will give thee thy wages." Only a mother can in full measure appreciate Jochebed's feelings as she clasped her dear babe in her arms and went away with him; a mother who had her babe given back to her from the verge of the unseen world appreciates the circumstances still more for this child was in some sense, like Isaac, given back from the place of death. May not every godly mother hear the voice of God saying what Pharaoh's daughter said to this mother, but how few seem to realize that the children given to them are a special trust from God for which they must render to God an account, and for which they shall be rewarded if faithful (Mark ix, 41). "And the child grew, and she brought him unto Pharaoh's daughter, and he became her son." From Acts vii, 21-29, and Heb. xi, 24-27, we learn that Moses was learned in all the wisdom of the Egyptians, and became a mighty man both in word and deed, but that at the age of 40 he refused longer to be known as the son of Pharaoh's daughter, and chose the reproach of Christ rather than the treasures in Egypt, and affliction with the people of God rather than the pleasures of sin for a season, for he had respect unto the recompense of the reward and endured as seeing Him who is invisible. Having fled from Egypt, he became a shepherd with the priest of Midian, married one of his seven daughters, Zipporah, and dwelt with him forty years (Acts vii, 30). His helping the daughters of Jethro to water their flocks and thus obtaining a wife for himself reminds us somewhat of the story of Eliezer obtaining a wife for Isaac, and also of Jacob and Rachel, and carries us to our Lord winning the woman of Samaria at the well and others through her that they might become part of His bride, the church. The God of Israel, who is also the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, is calling His redeemed ones to the same unwavering faith in Him as was manifested by these Old Testament worthies.

The reason a dog can look so knowing is because he can't say anything to spoil the effect.

If you are to believe that any sort of a politician is a saint, you must let him tell his own story.

It is never too late to mend. This is why the cobbler never has your boots ready at the time promised.

Miscellaneous Reading.

FROM CONTEMPORARIES.

News and Comment That Is of More or Less Local Interest.

YORK.

Rock Hill Herald, November 6: Mrs. Mary Burns, sister of Dr. I. Simpson, of this city, and widow of the late Andrew Burns, of Chester, died at the home of her son-in-law, Rev. C. B. Betts, last Saturday morning, of the effect of a gripe, aged 75 years and several months. Dr. Simpson attended the funeral at Union church Sunday.

LANCASTER. Ledger, November 6: While plowing in the Rum Creek section on day last week, Mr. Charley King plowed up a batch of 28 adder snakes, all large enough to bite a fellow. For awhile he had a regular snake killing time. Not a single one escaped. Mr. Amos V. McManus, of Kershaw, died at 1 o'clock yesterday morning after an illness of about six weeks, of fever. He was a son of Mr. W. A. McManus, of Taxahaw, and was about 23 years old. He leaves a widow and two children surviving him. He was a member of the Baptist church and was a man who was esteemed and liked by all who knew him. His remains were interred yesterday afternoon with Masonic honors, he being a member of the Masonic lodge at Kershaw. Mr. F. P. Giles, of Leslie, in York county, has bought part of the Stevens' Sinclair place, and will move over to it by January. Sheriff Hunter arrested Will Allen, colored night fireman at the factory last Saturday on a warrant from Union county, N. C., charging Allen with having murdered Charley Hasty, another Negro, in that county. It seems that Allen shot Hasty in the leg September a year ago, and that Hasty died within a year from the time. Sheriff Horn, of Monroe, came down Monday and carried Allen back with him. Mrs. J. J. Blackmon went to Kershaw yesterday to attend the marriage of her brother, Mr. Sidney Hinson, to Miss Emmie Hasseltine, which happy event came off last night. The town council has contracted with Perry Andrews & Bros., the company that has bored one well at the cotton mill, and has about finished another, to sink an artesian well for the town. The well will probably be located on the town lot near the court house, though that has not been definitely decided upon. Some of the council are in favor of buying a lot near the depot and sinking the well on it and putting the stand pipe on the lot adjacent to the court house.

GASTON.

Gastonia News, November 5: Marriage license have been issued to Wm. T. Smith and Miss Annie Davis, of King's Mountain; James Lewis and Miss Maggie Lineberger, of Gastonia, John Ellington and Miss Gussie Hoffman, Lawson Brown, of Beersheba, S. C., will move into the residence vacated by Col. W. J. Bowen, who moved to Yorkville. After many trials and tribulations water was turned into the sewerage Saturday, and the contractors left Sunday. Connections are now being made and the water works are in full operation. The town is to be congratulated. It now owns its own land on which to make an outlet for the sewerage. Unless other suits come, many connections will be made in the next few weeks.

CHESTER.

Lantern, November 5: Auctioneer Leckle sold before the court house door yesterday the following property: The Brawley lands, adjoining the county farm, containing 168 acres, to Mrs. Janie Gage, at \$5 an acre. The Brawley lands, on the Saluda road, containing about 30 acres, to Mr. William Spence, at \$10.25 per acre. The Carroll house and lot on Lancaster street was bid in by Senator Glenn for Mr. Carroll, at \$1,100. Mr. J. W. Knox's gun house near Knox station was burned last Wednesday night. The loss is estimated at \$1,500. No insurance. No fire had been about the place for several days. Court convened yesterday morning, Judge Ernest Gary presiding; J. K. Henry, solicitor, and Harry McCaw, stenographer. The following constables were appointed: M. J. Wallace, T. H. Murr, J. T. Coln, J. A. Lipsey, Harry Lucas, Jimmie Brawley, Caleb Bean. All members of the grand jury were present. Three petty jurors did not answer. The first case taken up was that of Will Crawford, charged with gambling. He pleaded guilty and was sentenced to thirty days or \$15.00. The next case was Lizzie Nelson, for assault and battery. Not proessed. Rich Williams, charged with rape. Not proessed. Joseph Rosboro, burglary and larceny. Found guilty and recommended to mercy. Sentence, 10 years in penitentiary. Adger Brown pleaded guilty of assault and battery with intent to kill. Sentence 6 months. C. B. Collins, assault and battery with intent to kill. Found guilty of simple assault, the legal effect of which was a verdict of not guilty, as this court did not have jurisdiction. In the case of George Wright for murder, the solicitor asked that a jury be empaneled and instructed to return a verdict of not guilty, the prisoner being a small boy. Walker Conley, charged with as-

sault and battery with intent to kill and carrying concealed weapons, pleaded guilty of assault with intent to kill and was sentenced to 4 months or \$50. All cases have been continued in which the parties do not consent to go to trial. Three civil cases have been agreed upon for next week. O. L. Potts is now on trial for murder. Court will probably adjourn today until next week.

And the water works will become nearer self supporting. Frank Haperfield, of Yorkville; but formerly of Gastonia, is now manager of the marble yard. He was formerly a partner of Mr. Bradley in the yard here and is well and favorably known by our people. We are glad to welcome him back to Gastonia. Messrs. Boyce and Fayssois have decided to run a big truck farm on Mrs. S. A. Rhyne's place, and Emmet Caldwell, of Guthrieville, S. C., has been employed as manager. Mr. Caldwell will move to Gastonia at once and will move to the plantation in December, when the house will be vacated. Sunday morning, a happy crowd passed through Gastonia on their way to York county to return with a York county bride. In the crowd were: Burt Lineberger, groom elect, son of Wm. V. Lineberger, Lum Rhyne and Miss Bessie Lewis, Dave Hanna and Miss Minnie Lewis, Robt. McArthur and Miss Ozema Lineberger, Luther Lineberger and Miss Maggie Rhyne, James Lewis and Miss Maggie Lineberger, and John C. Rhyne and Miss Etta Bell. A drive of 25 miles through dust, brought the party to the home of Emanuel Lewis, the objective point at 1.15 p. m., just 15 minutes ahead of time by railroad time, kept by John Rhyne. The marrying couple was ready for the performance and Miss Allie Lewis, the youngest daughter of Mr. Lewis, the happy bride was also ready. The wedding party returned to the groom's father's for an elegant supper. Mr. Lewis is an old Gaston county man having moved to South Carolina a year ago.

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