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A TERRIBLE CASE

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CHAPTER X. At the Cape. How was he to drive the miserable affair from his memory...

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"I never recall a great beauty—do they not?" "The next day he looked the door of his poor lodging room, and started for the cape."

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"At any rate, she doesn't go in for a broken heart and an early decline."

Miscellaneous Reading.

HISTORY OF SMYRNA.

Interesting Data Covering a Period of Seventy-Five Years.

The following is the interesting sketch of Smyrna church that was read by Rev. J. L. Oates in connection with the dedicatory exercises last Saturday afternoon:

"About the year 1832, William McGill, Esq., removed from Caryville's Creek, in the northern part of York county, S. C., where he and his wife were members of Bethany church, to King's Creek, in the western part of the same county."

THE NEW SMYRNA ASSOCIATE REFORMED CHURCH.

After having held charges at Bartow, Fla., and in Lancaster county, Mr. Oates was called to the pastorate of the Hickory Grove and Smyrna congregations in 1900, and has been living at Hickory Grove since that time.

Following the death of Mr. Oates, the congregation was organized by the Rev. R. C. Grier, there being probably forty-eight members enrolled. The elders elected and ordained at that time were Robert Whitesides, Thomas Faulkner, Thomas McGill and Capt. John F. Oates.

appointed and given full power to raise money, adopt plans and enter in to contract for the erection of a suitable house of worship; J. D. Whitesides, J. W. Quinn, R. T. Castles, W. J. McGill, J. F. Faulkner and A. J. McGill. This committee asked the pastor to become one of their number and act as chairman. The congregation responded liberally that in August, 1907, the contract was let to Mr. W. L. Wallace of Yorkville, and in January, 1908, the congregation worshipped in the new building, and today we have met and formally given it to God. There were trials and sacrifices, but the people had a mind to work, and God was good.

REV. J. L. OATES, Pastor of Hickory Grove and Smyrna Churches.

The subject of the photograph reproduced herewith is Rev. J. L. Oates, one of the best known and most highly esteemed citizens of York county.



After having held charges at Bartow, Fla., and in Lancaster county, Mr. Oates was called to the pastorate of the Hickory Grove and Smyrna congregations in 1900, and has been living at Hickory Grove since that time. Though still a young man, and a very modest and retiring young man at that, Mr. Oates has established a reputation as a model pastor and as a preacher of unusual ability and power, and has grown in the love and esteem of his people to such an extent that he has come to be recognized as one of the strongest members of the First Associate Reformed presbytery. Inquiring among the people of western York, whether that inquiry be by Mr. Oates or through, will develop that every body, regardless of denominational affiliation, knows Mr. Oates, and that nine individuals out of ten will lay claim on him as a special person; friend. Without the slightest compromise of the sacred dignity of his high calling, he has a wonderful faculty for making himself at ease in the presence of whatever company and of putting whatever company at ease in his presence. Several times during the past few years, Mr. Oates has had intimations if not positive assurances, that he could have some of the strongest and wealthiest churches in his denomination by the mere acceptance; but up to this time he has not been able to see that his duty demands a change. As matters now stand, he thinks and his people think that he is located permanently, and if this be true, the large scope of country that has already enjoyed so much good through him is to be congratulated on having in store still greater benefits for the future.

SENATOR CHRISTENSEN'S WORK.

"An Observer" Praises His Achievements and Urges His Re-election.

In a recent issue the Yorkville Enquirer has touched upon a subject of vital importance to South Carolina and every citizen therein. It is a warning to the people of the state and especially of Beaufort county of the possibility of the defeat of Senator Nells Christensen, Jr., who stands for reelection. Doubtless The Enquirer is a little over apprehensive of such an outcome; nevertheless, the people should realize the importance of retaining Christensen in the important seat which he has so manfully and capably filled for the past four years.

Cool, deliberate, earnest and determined, the fearless senator would face the most derisive, profane reprobate with a plea for testimony, when in more than one instance he was met with angry outbursts of insulting epithets from his would-be witness. Did Christensen lose his temper and resort to violence when he read such reports? Never; on every such occasion he met the distorted, angry face of his assailant with a frank, mocking smile that conquered more effectively than would have the prison cell or the club.

Christensen's high sense of honor and irreproachable character make the boldness and intrepidity of his actions during these moments that demanded the utmost courage and calmness, and it is doubtless more capable of judging the sterling qualities of the young senator than any one else.

When Senator Bleese's bill was passed Mr. Christensen was one of the first men to be appointed on the investigating committee. After the full committee was selected the body was at a loss as to how to proceed. Mr. Christensen came to the rescue with the suggestion that the members be divided into several subcommittees to investigate the different branches of the dispensary. Christensen chose Mr. Lyon as his coworker. Lyon has made that a most unusual record in forcing the grafters out of power. Still, he, better than any one else, knows that the courageous energy of Nells Christensen, Jr., was the rock that supported the crumbling edifice, possible the ultimate success achieved.

One need only read the testimony brought out by these two men to ascertain the value of their services. No greater crime was ever unheeded, as the testimony will show; truly they have been too numerous for the people of the state to consider other than as one great crime, yet few officers that have been in any way connected with the vast organization have escaped without the word "corruption" imprinted upon a clean record.

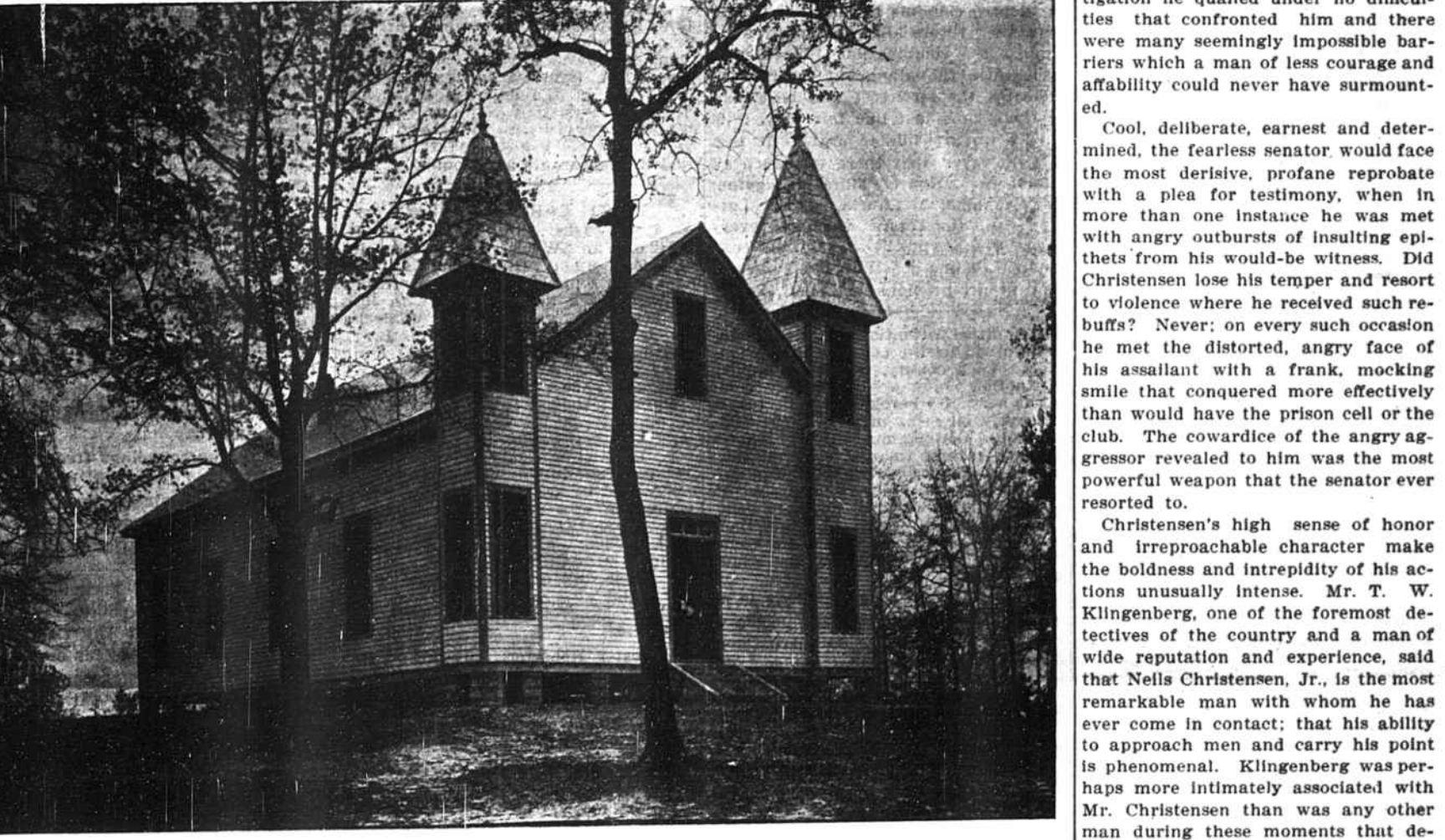


Table with 2 columns: 'Value of Property in London Compared With New York City'. Includes rows for 'City of London proper covers one square mile' and 'A four-line cable dispatch in the Sunday World said: "The city of London proper covers one square mile, and the capitalized value of the property within its borders represents \$1,250,000,000, which is claimed, establishes it as the richest area in the world.'"'