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What His Wife Gave Him.

The boss builder was standing on the edge of the great cavity at Thirty-fourth street that they have been digging for the past few years, when an Irishman walked toward him. "Look here," he said. "Didn't I fire you yesterday?" "Yes," said the Irishman, "and I don't want you to do it again, either. My wife gave me the devil about it when I got home."—New York Times

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THE RETRACTION WAS WORSE.

Second Statement "Piled Up the Agony" on Rival Editor.

District Attorney Heney of San Francisco, a short time after his wounding, discussed with a reporter at his bedside one of his statements about the San Francisco hoodlums. "They expect me to retract that statement, do they?" he said, grimly. "Well, if I did retract it, my retraction would be like the Tombstone editor's." "He, you know, printed a story to the effect that a rival editor's father had served 37 years in jail. Pressure was brought to bear on him, and finally he agreed to retract that statement. In his retraction he said: "We find that we were mistaken when we said in last week's issue that the Clarion editor's papa had passed 37 summers in the penitentiary. All efforts of friends to have his sentence commuted to life imprisonment failed, and the old man, as a matter of fact, was hung."

HIS GOOD MONEY THROWN AWAY.

Why Old Man Potts Regretted Giving Bill College Education.

"Well," observed old man Potts, "I've spent a heap of money on my boy Bill's education, more'n \$900 just to see him through Yale. And I ain't through yet. It shorely makes me sore to think of the money I'm wastin' on a boy who ain't got as much sense now as he had before he went to college." "What's the matter, father?" asked Mrs. Potts. "Mebbe you're a little hard on Bill." "No, I ain't, Mary," answered the old man. "Jest to show you—a little while ago I says to him I thinks it was going to rain to-morrow. What fool answer d'ye suppose he made me?" "I'm sure I don't know, father." "He begged my pardon!"—Harper's Weekly.

DIDN'T KNOW

Coffee Was the Cause.

Many daily habits, particularly of eating and drinking, are formed by following our elders. In this way ill health is often fastened upon children. A Ga. lady says: "I had been allowed to drink coffee ever since I could remember, but even as a child I had a weak stomach, which frequently refused to retain food. "The taste of coffee was in my mouth all the time and was, as I found out later, the cause of the stomach rebelling against food. "I now see that it was only from following the example of my elders that I formed and continued the miserable habit of drinking coffee. My digestion remained poor, nerves unstrung, frequent headaches, and yet I did not suspect the true cause. "Another trouble was a bad, muddy complexion for which I spent time and money for creams, massaging, etc., without any results. "After I was married I was asked to try Postum, and would you believe it, I, an old coffee toper, took to Postum from the very first. We made it right—according to directions on the pkg., and it had a most delicate flavor, and I at once quit coffee, with the happiest results. "I now have a perfectly clear, smooth skin, fine digestion and haven't had a headache in over two years."

There's a Reason.

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Executive Mansion.

Washington, November 19, 1863

Now we are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether that nation, or any nation so conceived in liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal

Now we are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether that nation, or any nation so conceived and so dedicated, can long endure. We are met on a great battle-field of that war. We have come to dedicate a portion of it, as a final resting place for those who here have given their lives for this nation. This we may, in all propriety do. But, in a larger sense, we can not dedicate—we can not consecrate—we can not hallow, this ground—the brave men, living and dead, who struggled here, have hallowed it, far above our poor power to add or detract. The world will little remember what we say here, while it can remember what they did here.

It is rather for us, the living, to be dedicated to the great task remaining before us—that, from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they here gave the last full measure of our lives—that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain; that this nation, shall have a new birth of freedom; and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth.

The Gettysburg Address, November 19, 1863. Facsimile of the Original First Version.

Centenary of Lincoln's Birth Is Appropriately Remembered by Country

Worthily have the American people joined in an appropriate celebration and extended it to the remotest corners of the land.

The 12th of this month is the one hundredth anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln. That date is observed with a solemn and yet grateful ceremony by the whole American people, who owe more to Lincoln than to any other citizen of the republic, save only Washington.

Lincoln is, after Washington, the greatest figure in our national history. No other man performed services so great as his, or was so high a character. His conduct during the trying days of the civil war, when the union that had been founded with high hopes for human liberty seemed destined to be destroyed, was such as to appear inspired by a power greater than human, and many an American has thanked God in his nightly prayers that so wise, gentle, forbearing a leader had been raised up by divine direction to guide the country to safety. His death was a great calamity, not less to the south than to the north; for, if Lincoln had been spared, his qualities of heart and mind would have made the task of reconstruction much easier than it proved and would have healed the wounds of war much sooner.

The south will join with the north in observing Lincoln's one hundredth birthday, for now, in these latter days his memory is as deeply beloved south

of Mason and Dixon's line as north of it. The celebration is worthy to be remembered as an expression of the gratitude and affection of a great people.

When we once resolve to lay aside desire to make of Lincoln's life and words an arsenal from which to draw weapons with which to fight for special causes, and consider with quiet thought Abraham Lincoln as all Americans know he was, we find the materials ample.

We see Abraham Lincoln as a home-ly, kindly, patient man, who loved his country as men love their mothers. We see him seeking the welfare of all that mother's sons because he was one of them. We see him working such as no American before, save humbly and patiently under burdens Washington, and none since, has been called upon to bear.

We see him always charitable, realizing that in this human world men are moved by all sorts of motives, and appealing to all motives that in honesty and honor he could, asking only that the results of the appeals be acts helping to save and restore to peace the nation whole.

And so Abraham Lincoln wrought with the tools at hand, never complaining of their human imperfections, using to his great end not only the noblest aspirations of the best but every force of human nature, and thus delivering a race from bondage and saving a nation because he ever wrought with malice toward none and with charity for all.

Two Good Tales of Lincoln.

On one occasion President Lincoln, on entering the telegraph office of the war department, writes Mr. Bates in "Lincoln in the Telegraph Office," was heard to remark to Secretary Seward: "By jings, governor, we are here at last!" Turning to him in a reproving manner, Mr. Seward said: "Mr. President, where did you learn that inelegant expression?" Without replying to the secretary Lincoln addressed the telegraph operators, saying: "Young gentlemen, excuse me for

swearing before you. 'By jings' is swearing, for my good old mother taught me that anything that had a 'by' before it was swearing." One day Secretary Seward, who was not renowned as a joker, said that he had been told that a short time before, on a street crossing, Lincoln had been seen to turn out in the mud to allow a colored woman to pass. "Yes," said Lincoln, "it has been the rule of my life that if people would not turn out for me I would turn out for them. Then you avoid collisions."

True and False Brotherhood
Sunday School Lesson for Feb. 7, 1909
Specially Arranged for This Paper

LESSON TEXT.—Acts 4:32-5:11. Memory verses, 32, 33. GOLDEN TEXT.—Lying lips are an abomination to the Lord; but they that deal truly are his delight.—Prov. 12:22. TIME.—Vs. 32-35 probably cover a period of some length. The exact date of the Ananias incident is unknown. Between A. D. 30 and 34. PLACE.—Jerusalem. Probably at the usual meeting place of the disciples. Comment and Suggestive Thought. V. 36. "Joseph." One form of "Joseph." "Surnamed Barnabas." A Hebrew name, derived from bar, son, and Nabuah "prophesying," pouring out words as from a fountain, the impelling force being the divine inspiration. "The name seems to have been conferred upon him by the general consent of his friends, as a kind of degree or pet name."—Biblical World.

Being interpreted from Hebrew into Greek, The son of consolation, "comforting," "exhortation," as in the R. V. Neither definition alone is complete; it takes both to give the meaning of the original Greek word, which is the same word as that given to the Holy Spirit by Jesus (John 14:16), "the Comforter," "Paraclete," from para, to the side of, and kaleo, to call or summon, for comfort or help as an advocate, counselor, comforter.

What Barnabas, filled with the Holy Spirit, did for others was similar, at least in most respects, to that which the Holy Spirit does for us. His work was far greater than that implied by the familiar definition of comforting—to soothe, to bring tranquil enjoyment. He was like the advocate in Greek and Latin courts, a powerful friend in whose wisdom, knowledge, influence and affection the client had confidence, and who advised, aided, strengthened and comforted him. Barnabas had a great gift by his words, character and personality of comforting others by invigorating them, inspiring them with a new life, strengthening their faith and hope, giving them fresh courage. He was like a fountain of the water of life.

"Comforting," from two Latin words, means making strong together. Nothing is worthy of the name of comfort that is not invigorating, inspiring, filling the soul full of courage and strength.

The Holy Spirit comforted the disciples after the death of Jesus, just as Jesus promised. How? By making the frightened men bold as lions; by changing them into heroes; by giving joy unspeakable when persecuted, imprisoned, tortured, scattered.

There are two sources of danger to the church of Christ.

Dangers from without. Dangers from within.

The fires of persecution were kindled to consume it. But the church was like the three heroes in Nebuchadnezzar's furnace; the flames did not harm them, and one like the Son of God was with them in the flames. And the light from them caused men to see in clearer light the true God and the Gospel.

It advertised the good news; it scattered the seeds of truth broadcast; it led to more prayer, a stronger faith, a firmer courage, more generous giving, more fervent preaching; it proved that the plea of the church was no temporary excitement, but a steady burning and shining light.

We now come to a more dangerous attack, from evil within her ranks. Fire cannot consume, nor waters drown the church. There is no way to destroy it but by enemies within. The engine is powerless if the fires fall. The light goes out when the electric current ceases to flow. We are to study this attack, learn its lessons for to-day, and see how God overruled even this, by victory over evil, for the advancement of the gospel.

V. 5. "Ananias . . . fell down, and gave up the ghost." Literally, "breathed out his life, his soul." In whatever way it came, by the shock of the discovery of his sin, or by a direct stroke from God, it was God's act, and in no sense the act of Peter and the apostles. Very probably they were as much astonished as anyone. Had Peter done this act he would have been a murderer, subject to the law of the land. But he had no hand in it whatever.

Why such severity of punishment? 1. It was deserved, it was justice. "Exact justice is commonly more merciful in the long run than pity."

2. It was necessary in order to save the church from destruction from within.

3. It was necessary to counteract the effect of his conduct upon the world. It would tend to make men believe that there was nothing in religion, that there was no such thing as conversion and true piety. Therefore, it was needful that the deed and its spirit should be publicly repudiated in the most remarkable manner, as contrary to the whole teaching and spirit of religion.

4. Thus it was an act of mercy, not of hatred or revenge. A few counterfeit Christians do not prove that the gospel is a failure, or the church unworthy. A few dead trees in the forest, or dried stalks in the fields, do not prove that spring is a failure or that the sun does not impart real life.

We must be careful not to measure a man or a society by its imperfections alone.

The punishment of sin is an absolute necessity. Those sins always nourish which can be practiced with impunity, and are lightly regarded.

All Who Would Enjoy

good health, with its blessings, must understand, quite clearly, that it involves the question of right living with all the term implies. With proper knowledge of what is best, each hour of recreation, of enjoyment, of contemplation and of effort may be made to contribute to living aright. Then the use of medicines may be dispensed with to advantage, but under ordinary conditions in many instances a simple, wholesome remedy may be invaluable if taken at the proper time and the California Fig Syrup Co. holds that it is alike important to present the subject truthfully and to supply the one perfect laxative to those desiring it.

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