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PEY JOSEPH ALEXANDER MET. WALKER

he carried a gun to kill Lacey. However, and ger died out before he met the General, and it, all at last passed, in its proper light, as | 4 drunken humer.

I cannot say I commend this seem, aliest the doings of the present generation. It will perhaps, be hard for my readers to credit mer that two of the prominent actors were of the highest respectability in fact, among the leading men of their community - considered. themselves as pentlemen and were deemed to With McCarra it was differlay every one ent. His had been a higher vocation, and this he find forfeited by his own weakness. Not preserving the elevated standard of mores als mountly practiced by the clergy, which raised them so far above common men, they; were revered as those to whom "it was given to be called the some of God;" while he was deemed fit to give zest tonn incbrinte's gleeful fancy. He was a Inlented ceprobate, and had he been true to himself and his calling, the record of his name might have been one of merit and honor, instead of the mournful memoriam, "An unfaithful Shepherd."

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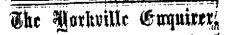
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The latent ferocity of the animal man seems never, except in civil war, to culminate in its eracity. We rend the record of his crimes in history, and shudder to know our natures may be so abused. The Tories of the Revolution ary war, with a sense of introducer charges ing their third for every petty injury possible to visit on this patriols, destroyed books wherever they found them, full well knowing how irreparable was the lost to their possess. sors. Even when by some unwanted pity they spared the home-roof, the precloss feather-bed was ripped up, and its contents seattered by the four winds of heaven; other articles of household comfort and all provisions, printed volumes and papers, were committed to the flames. No matter if it were the "Book of Books," still more refined was the cruelty. No pleading of the helpless woman would avail to save the volume, whose inspired word taught her to "sing songs in the night."

Boys who were not able to bear the hardships of camp-life and the burden of a day's march with the clumsy musket, sustained a part little less severe at home. Striving, with carnest effort, to fill the absent father's place, they helped their mothers till the soil, as hest they might, with the rude implements of husbandry they could procure and device. In spite of these difficulties the virgin soil yielded a subsistence for themselves and the younger children, with a spare mursel, now and then, to share with thosoon whom aharder let might fall. The devoted women of those times were compelled to plough and spin, brew and bake, and nobly did they perform their mission. But work done, there was no spare hour for imparting the little book-knowledge they might have to the children, who were mearied. too, in their round of allotted tasks. It required incessant toil for daily bread and a garb to cheat cold wind. Twas wirely a ordained : for this ordering of Providence kept them alive to the powers that were in them. and sustained them; whereas, if they had indulged in one moment's idleness, they would have faltered and fallen.

Thus, when the struggle ended, the victorious backwoodsmen, worn though they were, with the weary strife, were buoyed up by the thought of their glorious success, and were urged on by that proud remembrance, to build up fortunes in the land they had freed from foreign masters, and stimulated to rear sons for a place in the councils of a country, where THURSDAY MORNING, FEBY 24, 1870; for a piace in the condition and wealth—gave mind and merit—not rank and wealth—gave the pre-eminence. Naturally they began to

Out of some well-secreted hurde, here and there, a hook crept to light; but slas! where were the teachers? Most of these who had received such apportunities of instruction as our infant settlements possessed, had laid their lives on Freedom's altars, and "the places which knew them, knew them no more." The ministers of the grapel were the usual resource; and, generally, the spiritual tencher became the daily instructor. These were Preshyle-





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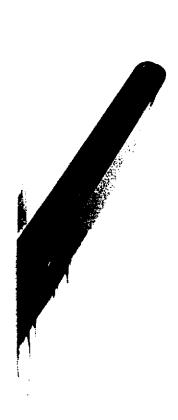
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BY A SEPTUAGENARIAN.

Institutions of education grew up with such rapidity in our State during the fifteen or twenty years prior to our late civil war, that we almost felt as if the power of Aladdin's lamp had been elicited to rear the piles, whose halls are those of learning. With such facilities plishments on every hand, it is very land to risus in all the upper districts, as the descen-



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dants of the first settlers still adhered to the residence and the men of the vicinity listance faith of their fathers. The preachers of this to denomination, then as now, were all able divines and learned men. Many youths who were afterwards eminent as Statesman, Theor logians, Ductors and Lawyers, were indebted to them for their induction into the paths of literature and science. Although provented by their ordination from being men of blood, yet by words of encouragement, acts of ondurance and well quoted promises of divine help and strength, they incited the patriots and their families, in hours of darkness, to endure to the end. The tory raider and British invader visited them in their day of visitation and they, like their flocks, were plundered, burnt out, and some, for a time, had to flee their homes ... Endeared by their common suffering, revered for their saored office and superior attainments, perhaps no more happy a selection could have been made, had every college of the mother country offered candidates for the pedagogue's chair.

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To show the searcity of books, I remember being told by Mrs. Judge Nott that she learned her letters, and to read and spell, in "Lacke's Essay on the Human Understanding," and was proud to be the possessor of a volume of her own, as many of the children in school had to borrow from their more fortunate mates, a book from which to learn their lessons, as they were not able to procure one of their own. The same lady told me the mode of instruction to her in writing was, the master, with a pointed stick, wrote a copy on an even spot of earth; below which, she, with a like instrument, imitated him as best she could.

The earliest of the Academies of learning in the up-country, was that of the Rev. Dr. Joseph Alexander, of York, the pastor of the This school Bullock's Creek congregation. was founded a few years after the close of the Revolutionary war, and it, with one other. (Dr. Abner Pyles' Grammar School in Laurens) were for some time the only grammar schools in the upper portion of the State. It stood, for years, foremost among the classical institutions of the day, and many men, afterward distinguished, knew no other Alma Mater, The course was mainly confined to the Greek and Latin languages, Moral Philosophy and Geography; and we may judge by the position attained in the world by some of his pupils, he was an instructor worthy the reputation he enjoyed. Here did Andrew Jackson taste "the Pierian Spring," and Judge Smith

"Lay foundation for renown, "" And all the honors of the gown. William H. Crawford, Gov. David Johnson, Itev. Mr. Walker, Col. Thomas Taylor, Isaac Sadler, (the poet) and innumerable others, who have played their parts in life's drame, and played them well-exeunt owner ! know not that one survives, who studied at the feet of this Gamallel.

Dr. Alexander was a Scotchman by birth, and a staunch White from the heginning of this contest. All through the stringle, he was prominent in his section for his efforts in the cause. When the Rev. Mr. Tennent was sent on his tour through the upper country in 1775, by calling his congregation together for him, one could have the thread of his discourse, to address. He rested a night at Dr. (A.)

Bettered by the speaker's slequence."

This was so irresistible in its flow, few could withstand its influence; and when the clusics oratory of the public speaker failed, he would afterward converse individually with the meat projudiced, and the clear argument and winuing manner usually converted the obstinate. Mr. Tennent visited a congregation of Dr. Alexander's on Thicketty. An extract from his quaint journal says: "Rodo Unirteen miles-crossing Broad Riverat Smith's Fordto a meeting house of Mr. Alexander's on Thicketty, where I found him preaching to a crowd of people assembled to meet me. When he had done, I mounted the pulpit and spoke near two hours. The people seemed convinced and after writing an Association from memory, refreshed myself, and drank out of a cowbell. They signed the Association and retired seeming contented."

Dr. Alexander established a hospital at his residence. I understand this place is now owned by Jack Smarr, Eq. My information may be incorrect as to locality. This infirmary was of great benefit, especially when the scourge of small pox prevailed. Many, after preparing their systems for the disease, were taken to Dr. Alexander's to be inoculated with the pox and would remain under his care till well. This was before the wonderful discovery of Jenner's mode of vaccination was introduced, and Dr. Alexander's beneficent establishment was much valued and estcemed by the surrounding country. His strong efforts for the . Whig party made him so very obnoxious to the opposite side, that he deemed it a necessary precaution usually to ascend the pulpit, gun in hand, to have it ready for self-defence, in case of any outrage. What a picture to the mind's eye! The rude place of worship amid the primeval forest-the few aged men all armed to some extent—the anxious-faced women-the pale, care-worm children, and the frail, lame preacher-who, with rifle in hand, limps up the aisle and ascends the pulpit! The carnal weapon is put sside, and the voice of supplication is heard, for spiritual weapons to fight the good fight of faith; to be of good cheer through evil as well as good report. Amen. A husbed silence throughout the little group, as the words of the chapter are read; for precious food are they for week-day memory. Then comes the text, followed by the brave exhortation to endurance, trust and faith in God's love, for he will surely avenge his elect; who cry to him day and night. The services endetl, a few words to one another about absent husbands and sons, an interchange of the last news from the battle-field, camp or prison, a warm pressure and shake of the hands in farewell, and they take the paths to their several lonely dwellings, encouraged by the word preached that day for the encrous trials and duties of the week begun.

Dr. Alexander continued in the exercise of his ministerial functions until very agod. His mind was weakened, and his articulation so indistinct, from feebleness and loss of teeth, Mr. Alexander was one of his active assistants, that one could not understand what he said,

a mail old man, with nothing which struck me as remarkable in his appearance, except that he wore a close litting white linea skull cap. After he relinquished his school, their Rev. George Reid took charge of the neads enty at Bullock's Creek for a few years, bitt ment removed elsewhere.

I have tried, but without success, to learn the period of the Rev. William Cummings labors at Bethel. This church was organized as early as the year 1764, by the Rev. Mrs Richardson, though they did not have a regaular preacher until in 1770, when the Rev, Mr. Balch took charge. The troubles of the war, it is probable, caused his removal, for during the Revolution he emigrated to East Tennessee, I think Rev. Mr. Cummings preached in this congregation scon-after the war. This is conjecture merely from consirrent testimony. White living in the Bethel congregation, be opened a school of good standing, and numbered among his pupils, too, the future hero of New Orleans, Gen. Audrew Jackson. I know this from his own lips. I dired with General Jackson in 1832, and the pleasure of my entertainment at the White House was greatly enhanced by the President's lively recollections of his school-boy days in York, and the enjoyment be evidently derived from our mutual reminiscences, and my ability therefrom to give him the later histor- of many of his early friends. In his enquiries the old veteran used a vernacular very familfor once to my care, but now so obsolete I will have to explain his meaning: "Can you tell me anything," he asked, "of Dr. John Allison, who married Miss Betay Will, while I was at Bethel, going to school to the Rev. Mr. Cummings? He was but nineteen, she only seventeen, and they were the handsomest couple I ever saw make their appearance." When I was young, a bridal pair's attendance at church, on the first Sunday after marringe, was always called making their annearance, and ever afterward the expression was applied to designate that particular Sunday in their lives. I know literally nothing of Mr. Cummings individually, more than after preaching, and teaching some years at died.

Mr. Reid taught but a few years at Bullock's Creek, and when he relinquished the school, Rev. Mr. Welker, a son-in-law of Dr. Alexander, opened a classical academy in the Bethesda congregation, about the year 1806. This he ably conducted many years. Most of those who were his pupils are gathered to their silent homes; but some live still who enjoyed his instruction, among them your Septungenarian. There was a feature in his school very pleasing to both pupil and patron, which I recommend to principals of male schools now. It was called an Exhibition, and was much more agreeable, in its studied variety, than the examinations now in vogue. These consisted of dialogues, speeches, and several scenic representations, comedies, farces,

I remember seeing and hearing him. He was ach's sake, through the infirmity of the flock, he sinned. I recall one Friday, when Mr. Walker stopped at my futher's gate on his way to Chester. He refused the invitation to come in and take a social glam. My father, "on hospitable thought intent," proposed to bring out the decauter to him, as he sat on the horse. "No I no I as you insist, I'll go in -not take a drink on horseback." He was going to see a criminal who was to be hung the following Friday -- a man named Floyd, who Ind killed the sheriff of Chester District. Colonel Nunn. My stop-mother was much interested in the man's case, and begged her preacher to call as he returned, and tell her if the man seemed penitent and to have laid hold on the precious promises held up for his acceptance. He kindly promised he would gratify her. About an hour before sundown, I, with my father, was under the shade of a big chestnut tree which stood near the barn, he riving boards and I piling them, when Mr. Walker hove in sight at a full gallop; as the horse neared the gate, expecting to be checked up at the frequent stopping place, he fell into a long trot, which almost caused the rider to lose his perpendicular, but urged on he resumed the canter. Mr. Walker righted himself; for with the smoother gait he could retain the proper equilibrium-and passed with a dignified "Good afternoon, Squire." I lifted up my head, big with the discerument of a lad of ten. "Never stir! father, if Mr. Walker wasn't drunk!" My father turned sternly; "Let me ever hear of you saying such a thing no that again, sir, and I'll give you such a whipping as you never had in your life!" Mum! was the word after that. In a few moments my father threw down the frower and walked to the house. I followed, for my task was done when he stopped work. He walked through the hall where my stepmother and sisters were sitting at their sewing, and went into his own room. "Katie!" he called, and his wife followed. I crept near to the door, and heard him telling the mournful tale. How hard I felt it, I might not repeat my knowledge, gained, too, through my own penetration, to the girls; but the inter-Bethel, he removed to Georgia and there dict was too heavy, and when my step-mother came out with a face a yard long, I could only hug myself with sterile complacency that I knew, too. Day after the next being the Sabbath, in the pulpit the good old man confessed his fault with tears to the congregation, who wept with him in sympathy and love. Nor was there one to whom he was less dear or respected from the humiliating avowal; freely was his sin forgiven and forgotten. and not for one instant was his usefulness injured. I might, after this, tell the other urchins what I'd seen; but the information had lost its zest, and I wondered vainly why my father issued so stern a mandate, when after all, Mr. Walker told about it himself in the meeting house.

I think it was in 1802, Mr. Walker visited Kentucky, and saw "the falling down exerand sometimes even a tragedy, acted by the cise," as it was called. Soon after his return, boys, which used to draw a large concourse of the presched at a big camp-meeting in the Waxpeople to witness them. Never lived there a haws, and described it to the people; how better man than this good preacher and whole congregations were struck down by the and falling confessed their sine

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Mr. Walker was for many years the beloved poster of the people of Bethesda; at length to determined on retiring from the ministry. I beard bim preach his last agenion. After the close of the services, we walked out together, beneath the shade of "soleun forest. trees," and sat down on a rade seat hear the " alent city of the dead," He asked me if I discerned our decline in his preaching. J truly fold him "oo, that the sermin of to-day equaled these I had heard from him in years gone by." "It is my last," he said; "I always determined when I used to regret Dr. An vander's teme ity to the functions of the pulpit, I would take warning and not so err, but quit the ministry before age capped my ability and impaired my usefulness.

He afterward removed to the West, and there, full of years, was gathered to the tomb, I venerate the man whose heart is warm, Whose hands are pure, whose doctrine, whose life Coincident, exhibit heid proof That he is honest in the sacred cause.

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RKVILLE, S. C.:

THURSDAY MORNING, MARCH 24, 1970.

REMINISCENCES OF YORK.

RY A REPTUAREMANIAN.

The land which is the present site of Yorkville, was owned by William Edward Hayne, Esq. He possessed thousands of acres called "the Barrens," including in extent ten miles from his furnace on Allson's Creek, with the exception of some settlements on the lowgrounds. This gentleman donated lots for public buildings, and afterward drew a plan for the laying off of the town which, had it been adhered to, would have added to its beauty.

The first house built was on the spot now occupied by the Presbyterian Church, and was owned by Robert Smith. Of him I know no more than his name. The second residence was that of "Gentleman Alce Love," a son-in-law of old Mr. Jimmy Ross. His connection with that worthy gentleman, and a customarily neat toilet. I presume, gained for him the pleasant appellation under which he was always known. The site of his house was between H. P. Adiekes' store and residence, where now stand a tin and shop shop. The third domicile was put, up by David McCall-s large two-storied log building -- and was opened by him as a house of entertainment. He, after a few years, sold out to his brother, John McCall, who thus became "mine host" of the little village. However, when Court week came, old Mr. Michael Moore and Mr. Jinmy McNeil were in the habit of carrying a wagon loaded with beds, cooking utensils, plates, &c., &c., to the village, and renting a house owned by Mr. Reatty; and while the crowd remained furnishing entertainment and accommodations. The week following being always Court week at Chester, the worthy capariners and their impromptu hostelry, migrated thence, rendy, for the week, to take in Bench and Bar, as well as common folk.

After the death of Mr. McCall, his wifestill continued to keep open house. For many years she might be truly called the "mother of York, "and was a woman, whose generous roul, warm heart and charitable actions, are beyond all praise. She was believed by all chases; and with reason, for as friend, neighbor, mistress, she had senter a peer. Left a widow past two weeks, in consequence of the illness, with five small children, she managed with of the writer. They will be remuned as soon industry, energy and commony, her home atwhether among high or low, she was ever ready to miniater to body or mind discused, out of the dowing springs of sympathy ever