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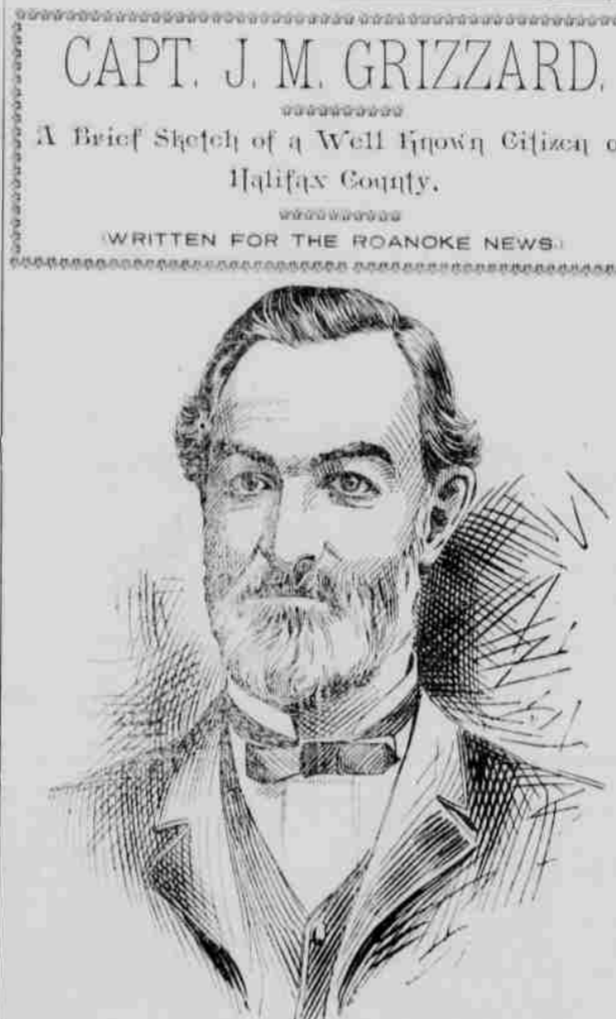
Thank God for the Solled, Tear-stained
Torn Places in Our Old Bibles.

How we all love the old familiar texts in the Bible. They never grow old, and repetition in sermon or meditation makes them dearer and sweeter, more luminous with the years. They are like the places which made dear to us in childhood, no others can displace them. The old home, the hills on which our eyes first rested, the country church, the "sleeping place" back of it, the little school house, "hall the loved spots which my infancy knew," and nowhere and never can such places be found. Familiarity but deepens our love for them, and I often in after years, though greatness, success and power have become mine, we are glad to return to childhood's happy home and rest, or, if that is impossible, to let imagination, fancy and feeling have full play, to bring back those scenes and incidents. Somewhat like our love of familiar passages in the Bible. Sermons on such texts never grow tiresome. So we felt last Sunday when listening to a communion talk on "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest." By no means was it the first time we had heard that text used, but how we dwell on the truths as they fell from the lips of this minister, and how many a cheering and comforting thought came to us in our meditation upon it. Somehow it would not seem like the same Bible if that verse were taken out. And how it comforts saddened hearts, though sitting at the side of a dead one long loved and now lost awhile, to hear, "Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid." What assurance to read again and again, "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son." Let the minister preach often from the old texts, for the paradox is true that they are never old. They are the perennial springs of peace, rest, joy, hope and assurance. Thank God for the solled, tear-stained, torn places in our Bibles—Christian World.

Too Much Marrying. A GOOD REASON FOR IT.

The Cause of Education in That Vicinity
Had Lost Its Backbone.

I stopped to speak with a pioneer at his gate. I noticed four or five children back of him, and when he had given me the directions asked for I said: "I see you have several children old enough to be in school?" "Yes, four of 'em who order to be in school five days a week," he replied. "And I noticed a school house half a mile back among the trees?" "Yes, that's a school-house up there, and it's too bad the children can't go. You didn't see nobody around there, I reckon?" "No, it was shut up, I saw two others between here and Ridgeville and both were closed. Has the school money given out?" "No, sah—lots of school money left." "Teachers scarce?" "No, sah—lots of teachers to be had." "Then what is the trouble?" "Well, it ain't steady trouble," he said as he scratched his head and dug up the earth with his heel. "What's the matter along here—and I guess it's the same all over—is talkin' in luv and gettin' married." "Oh! The teachers get married?" "They do sah. The first one we had taught two weeks and then married Jube Taylor. You'll come to Jube's place about a mile further on, and she'll probably be lickin' his seven young 'uns." "The next one taught three weeks and then married Henry Davison. Henry lives back here on the other road, and if you was' goin' that way you'd find her lickin' five 'uns and hollerin' at the hired man." "And the next?" "And the next taught a week and married Robt White, which is mo', and which lives right yere, and that's her in the window. She's licked the young 'uns twice over this mornin' based me around and called me names, and will have both hands in my hair be-fore you get yere safe away. That's another teacher 'coun' next week, but ole Jim Lattimer is waitin' to marry her, and you kin put it down that the cause of eddication along this yere road has sorter lost its backbone and is mighty weak in the knees."



CAPT. J. M. GRIZZARD.
A Brief Sketch of a Well Known Citizen of Halifax County.

As stated last week, we now vary the order of things a little and give here a brief sketch of an honored citizen of the county, who is still numbered among the living. The subject of this sketch, like the majority of good men, does not wish for notoriety and in the beginning, we will state, that it was only after being urged to do so, that he furnished an intimate friend the outlines of this sketch and that he strongly objected to "pushing into print." Captain J. M. Grizzard was born in Sussex county, Va., in 1839, and attended the neighborhood schools until he was fourteen years old. He then started his career in life as a clerk in the store of M. & R. S. Jones, at Jarratts, Va., with whom he lived until they closed business. Afterwards he lived with Prince & Rogers, at Henry, in Sussex county, and remained with them at Henry and at their branch store of Sussex Court House, until he came to Halifax as a partner with the same men he had lived with so long, under the firm name of Prince & Co. He was managing partner of the firm until 1868, when, on account of ill health, he had to retire from business. He was then Clerk of the Superior court and was Deputy clerk of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, with Captain James H. Whitaker till the war between the States broke out. Captain Whitaker was a member of a military company, organized at Halifax just prior to the war, and when hostilities were declared, he went into the war and Captain Grizzard was left in charge of the affairs of both courts. When the war was at its height, and two near before the courts were suspended and he was directed to remove the Records to a place of safety, if such a place could be found. He took the Records (two wagon loads) about ten miles above Halifax and across Short Hill swamp, several miles from anywhere, at that time, and deposited them in the smoke house of the late James Harrison Walker, a place he considered as safe as any in the county, owing to its isolation. Captain Grizzard then entered the Confederate service and was assigned, to duty as assistant Quartermaster, under the late Captain S. Woodson Venable, of Petersburg, and was stationed at Weldon. After the war closed he removed the Records back to the court house, without the loss or misplacement of a docket or a paper. During the years he was in the clerk's office he studied law, with the assistance of the Hon. Edward Conighan, and after the war closed and matters became somewhat settled, he began the practice of law at Halifax, in which profession he has been engaged ever since, and during which time he has held some responsible positions. From bad and extravagant management of county affairs, after the war, Halifax county became heavily in debt, the county's credit became greatly impaired and its paper was worth only thirty cents in the dollar. About this time one of the county commissioners died and Captain Grizzard was persuaded and induced to allow himself to be appointed to fill the vacancy. He was at once made Chairman of the Board, and had one year to serve before the next general election. Under the management that followed, the credit of the county improved and at the end of that year county paper was at par. At the election following, he was nominated by both political parties, in recognition of the valuable services he had rendered the county, and was elected for two years more, during which time the county indebtedness was paid off and the county treasury showed a handsome balance. Since that time he has continued the practice of law, was elected Solicitor of the Inferior court of Halifax county for two successive terms, and how well he performed the duties of that office, hundreds who visited the court house can bear testimony to his ability and efficiency. He has been Mayor of Halifax, whenever he would accept it, and occupies that position now. He represented the county of Halifax in the Legislature of 1895 and his splendid career there is well known to all. He was a member of the Judiciary Committee of the House and was on other important committees. He was mainly instrumental in preventing the appointment of an In-Lieu-Come-Commissioner at a cost to the State of \$400,000 a year, when the late Octavius Cole, the Secretary of State, was so ably represented and it was only intended to make a place for an aspiring politician. Captain Grizzard fought it with all the power he had, and his speech on that occasion was spoken of as one of the ablest ever before delivered in the House. The bill was defeated, as it should have been. Captain Grizzard was born a Democrat and he has never departed the faith. He has been a Free Mason thirty-four years, twenty-four years of that time he has served as Master of Royal White Heart Lodge No. 2, at Halifax. He is now Chairman of the Board of Education of Halifax county, and his selection to that responsible position is recognized by all parties to be a most excellent one. He has a record to be proud of, and in all the relations of life, Captain Grizzard is regarded as a true and tried Democrat, a learned lawyer and a Christian gentleman.

Wrong Half On Top.

HE COULD NOT PART THE LIQUOR.

A Difficulty In The Way of Compising With
The Minister's Views.

A preacher with views on the temperance question was walking along a dusty road. A farmer with an empty wagon, saw that it contained a gallon jug, overtook him and asked if he did not wish to ride. The preacher, assenting, climbed into the wagon, and as they jogged along toward the next village the two fell into conversation.

Now, the preacher had his suspicions concerning the jug and led the talk around to the subject of temperance, expounding his views at great length and with appropriate emphasis. Much to his surprise, his companion quite agreed with him. Nevertheless the preacher still continued to suspect the jug.

"My friend," he said presently, "would you mind telling me what you have in that jug there?"

"Liquor," said the farmer.

"I feared so," continued the preacher. "Now, my dear friend, you have agreed with all I have said and you are great question of temperance."

"Yes."

"Can you not give proof that you mean what you say and pour out that accursed liquor?"

"No."

"But I cannot understand—"

"Wasn't," said the farmer, "ye see, I'd do it for ye only half the liquor in that jug belongs to my brother?"

"Then empty your half, my friend."

"But I can't do that, neither. Ye see, his half's on top."—Boston Badger.

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POINTED PARAGRAPHS.

(Chicago Daily News)

The scale of justice is nothing but a trial balance.

The high churchman uses candles and the Baptist dips.

It is the clean tablecloth that catches the early grease spot.

A tree is covered with bark, but a dog is usually lined with it.

A woman can tell what another woman has on as far as a man can smell fried onions.

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"On Jordan's stormy banks I stand
En cast a wistful eye
To Canaan's fair and happy land—
(Don't let dat hit pass by.)"

"O de transportation, rapturous scene
Dat rises to my sight!
(Drag in dat nickel, Buidler Green)
En rivers of delight.

"Could I but stand where Moses stood
En view de landscape o'er,
Not Jordan's stream, nor Death's cold flood—
(We wants ten dollars more.)"

The shortest and sweet way to live with honor in the world is to be in reality what we would appear to be.

ROVAL BAKING POWDER.

WHY?

Don't find fault.
Don't believe all the evil you hear of.
Don't jar at everybody's religious beliefs.
Don't be rude to your inferiors in social position.
Don't repeat gossip, even if it does interest a crowd.
Don't underestimate any thing because you don't possess it.
Don't go untidy on the plea that everybody knows you.
Don't contradict people, even if you are sure you are right—Christian Up-to-look.

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