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FIRST SIGHT OF HIS MOTHER

BORN WITHOUT SIGHT.

"O Mother! Is This Really You

A minister in an Indiana village to ecived a call one night from a

parishioner "Will you go to Indisnap-

olis for me?" he asked. "We have de

eided to send Johnnie there for an oper

ation. We have received encouragement

sunny, and hardly realizing that he lack

ed anything to make life happy, he was

facing a future of darkness, little hope having now been given to the patents

that anything could be done for his

the father. "I cannot go; I dare not go

But stay with her till it is over, and

either rejoice with us or comfort us, and

send me word as fast as lightning can

The minister went, and stayed with

the lad while the oculist, not overconti-

dent, began his work, and till at last, with

a thrill of triumph in his tone, he said,

The glad wire tingled with the message to the father, and the minister, with

the overjoyed mother, retired to wait for

the time when the bandaged eyes could

bear light enough for a first look at the

At last came the notification of the expected test. In the dimly lighted room the mother and the minister stood breathless while the dector carefully raised the shade. The little lad, over-

whelmed by the sudden possession of

new sense, east a bewildered look from

"Johnnie," said the minister, "this is

her neck, the happy boy verifying his

caressing the loving face that he saw

leaning above him, he cried, "O mother!

It was indeed LIKE a glimpse into

Is this really you, or is it heaven?"

enly Father."-Youth's Companion.

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one to another of the three.

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your mother.'

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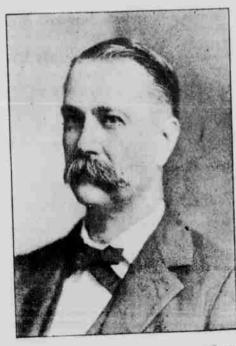
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WELDON, - - N. C.

"Go with my wife and Johnnie," said

that he may yet be made to see." Johnnie had been born without sight and now a little lad of six, bright and

Or Is It Heaven?"



A Brief Sketch of the Life of a Noble Son of This County.

HIS EARLY STRUGGLES, AND HOW STEP BY STEP HE MOUNTED THE WAS CALLED UP HIGHER.

ROBERT OSWALD BURTON was born January 9, 1852, at "Poplar he loved so much Grove," near Weldon, N. C., and died in Raleigh, N. C., December 27, 1900. He was the third son of Rev. Robert O. Barton, whose name he bore, and his mother was Elizabeth Joyner, a daughter of Col. Andrew Joyner, who was prominent in the public affairs of his county and who represented his people for many years, and at a critical period, in the legislative bodies of the State. Mr. Burton was of good stock. Patrician to the core. the State. Mr. Burton was of good stock. Patrician to the core. he possessed a high sense of true nobility and sturdy manhood which he inherited from his maternal grandfather, whose mother, though of gentle birth and ample means, being left a widow The little arms went up and clasped with young sons "bound out" her boys that they might, as apprentices learn a trade and prepare themselves for future useful new sense by those already tested; and ness. To this training Col. Joyner attributed his success in life

and it was perhaps due to principles then developed and afterward transmitted to his daughter's son that he was able to overcome difficulties in climbing the hill of success. This with the power ful brain and commanding eloquence of his revered father was tion and dignity and always lived so as to uphold the pride of THE LORD'S OWN PROPLE. heaven. "I felt," said the minister, "as his family record."

His early years were spent like other boys of his neighborhood in its first sight of the face of our Heavwith the distinction of being a favorite at all times among his comrades and school-fellows. At the old school taught by Mr. (afterwards Dr.) Archer, it was this writer's privilege to share The blackbird has been called a great this comradeship. Was a game of "prisoners" base" proposed thief, but, as for the redbreast, he is al-Bob Burton was the one boy clamored for on both sides. Was a less bright boy troubled with the solving of what seemed to him intricate problems in percentage, or partial payments? "Bob Burton" was the friend to stand between him and Mr. Archer's rod, while he, too, sometimes felt the persuasive cloquence of this same rod. His nature was calm, cool, thoughtful up from his tin donner kettle and replied: boosted to de top of society, I saw nuffin and deliberate and he was at all times ready to help the needy, and deliberate and he was at all times ready to help the needy. defend the weak and exact justice for his childhood friends.

The result of the civil war and the devastation of the reconstruction period threw a shadow over his family fortunes and hetter than white folks. They don't was an ass as well as a box. the advantages which should have been his in youth and early have anything to worry them. You manhood, by birthright, were denied him, except as the result know, boss, colored people get their eatof his own efforts.

It is difficult, in this day of college endowments and free scholarships, to conceive of the struggle which was before a boy way with them. If a colored man has suprise de question am still bein disci of that period in the attempt to secure a professional education. friends around town, he can always get a an debated on all sides, wid a chance dat Many faltered and failed just at this point, contenting themselves with only what knowledge could be gained in the limited ner, for nothing. White felks don't obresources of the neighborhood schools. Not so with Robert Burton. Nothing short of the profession to which he felt himself his dinner occasionally, and if he has a called and which he filled with such distinction could satisfy his few acquaintances who cook he gets on I aim't sayin dat Vz+ hot my taith in noble ambition. But how was this to be accomplished? There were none to help, for all were impoverished alike. Demoralization reigned in the business world of North Carolina and the condition required prompt and immediate action.

So we see him after leaving the cross road school, teaching school himself to secure funds with which to complete his edu. cation. This must have been a difficult undertaking but by strict economy and application to work, it was not long before he was able to enter Randolph Macon College, at Ashland, Va., taking his place in an advanced class in the different schools necessary to his profession which he continued to do until his firsthem. Your clothes will fit me. A passenger agent of the Labigh Valley, graduation.

Here again he practiced such self-denial and economy as is seldom seen at this extravagant age. Not having money to devisions, hired some college boy's friend in the person of an old clothes, never mind what his size is. They following was the response: O hord, fray his other expenses and pay board, he bought his own procolored mammy to cook them for him and satisfied his hunger as long as any remained in spite of taste or appetite. This was a voluntary sacrifice rather than go in debt, and never was he heard to complain, no matter how hard these conditions were. In fact, few knew that these conditions existed. We would fain speak here of another bright mind and noble spirit which, alas! were clothed in too frail a tenement for earth, but who was led through Mr. Burton's influence to master a profession at the same place and under the same conditions within a short time I don't know how it is in the north or O Lord of the Thy pleasure, have every after he was there.

So well did Mr. Burton improve the opportunities offered him me now that cost me a cent. that soon after he attained his majority, in the spring of 1873. he graduated with high honors, winning the debators medal people. He takes care of them II a ments for a scheenle, and when I have offered by the Washington Literary Society, though he took no colored man don't get along in the world finished the run on selectable time, and offered by the Washington Literary Society, though he took no colored man dear get and it is his own degree from the fact that these were only conferred on those better than a white man, it is his own Death, not Thou, the Suprimendent of who finished the whole college course.

In the theme of his discourse at this time, "From the possible you say of him, 'a wonderful man," If and faithful arrant, a me and sign the to the real," we can eatch the trend of his future life, but can we grasp the possibilities rising before the enthusiastic mind of this talented young man? Youth is always hopeful and there are many dreams just at this point in life but how few are able to bring the possibilities of those dreams into a real experience. Mr. Burton's aspirations were no visions of an unsettled brain. He studied Christian Science, Application was his watchword and though young in years he realized that he who would mount the billows of success, must "The thoughts we think are unthought, stem the tide of difficulty, and patiently begun the struggle.

After leaving college he began teaching again, reading law at the same time. In 1874 he was admitted to the bar and located in Halifax town. "He soon drew to himself clients and if a suiter once employed Mr. Burton he always employed him." He became one of the leading lawyers in this section, nor was it long before others were attracted and benefitted by retaining him as counsel in most difficult legal cases. When he left Halifax councounsel in most difficult legal cases. When he left Hamax country for a wider field of usefulness, we gave him Godspeed, and at ty for a wider field of usefulness, we gave him Godspeed, and at the time of his death he was regarded by the profession as the professi fulness to duty. Another type of his character St. James defines as a true Christian in that he "kept himself unspotted from the world." No unholy gains nor extortionate rewards helped in his upward course. Loving his profession he became its master, that he might bring benefit to those he served. "While pronounced in his political convictions, he never cared BAD FORM OF TETTER,

for political life, preferring the sure rewards that came from a close pursuit of his profession. He believed in justice as a divine attribute and lived the upright life of a follower of the Usually when a man dies it is as a tale that is told, as a dream

that is past. A few words, was born, is dead, is the story of many lives. A few friends: weep while dust to dust, ashes to ashes" are being said, then turn away and the world moves on. Sometimes panegyrics, which mean nothing are, spoken of those whose characters will not stand the test of truth. Charity covers all shortcomings and only the good done is remembered and that but a little while. Not so with this man, "whose house was built upon a rock."

When the message came saying that Robert Burton was dead, our voices were hushed, our hearts stood still, for we had sustained a blow. Robert Burton dead! How could it be that a man so pure, so useful, in the prime of life, should so suddenly be cut off. Be taken from wife and children, from brothers, sistemand friends, from a life just beginning the facilities. be cut off. Be taken from whe and enduren, from brothers, sis-ters and friends, from a life just beginning the fruition of years of study and toil, from those who will so much miss his kindly guidance in business affairs. "What shall we do" was the heart HIS EARLY STRUGGLES, AND HOW STEP BY STEP HE MOUNTED THE LADDER OF FAME AND STOOD UPON THE TOPMOST BOUND WHEN HE LADDER OF FAME AND STOOD UPON

quent voice be heard no more at our courts of law, in the cause of justice or mercy. His happy smile not seen in the social life

He sleeps at "Poplar Grove," near his honored sire at whose begun here must go on and when we meet face to face in the great Beyond we will know, why what now seems strange and hard was done, and realize that our Father is, "too wise to err, too good to be unkind."

We published a few weeks ago a beautiful tribute paid to Mr. Barton by his brethren of the bar, at a late term of Halifax court, from which we have made a few extracts at this time. We have read with pleasure the perfect delineation of his character and life by Dr. J. C. Kilgo, of Trinity College, but we present his picture and the accompanying sketch to our readers as a just tribute to one who was ours in life and whom we may claim a ours in future histories of the great men of North Carolina

NO NEED TO WORRY.

A Darky Philosopher Explains How to Live Easily.

A gentleman who has the manage arter I had put in a burglar alarm I lost Cotton Factors and Commission Merment of a business that requires a large a bar'l of soft scap an a bran new wheel- chants, and dealers in number of negroes said to one of his cur- barrer. players tree-ntly, "Sam, the colored are a

wonderful people, are they not?"

drink whiskey, a little money goes a long de matter was settled foreber, but to my ject to their cooks giving a colored man 6,000 y'ars old work demosives out

very well in the eating line. Of course humanity, but when I riz up in de maxsome colored men have to 'keep house,' in an find my Sunday shirt missin from but that don't always prevent them from de clothes line I'ze led to reflect dat de much, because his old woman, if he has clothes out ober pight hasn't clevated deone, takes in washing or does other moral standin of society ober two feet. things to help along. And, boss, you know, colored men get along just as well single as married or married as single.

"Yes, sah, the colored folks are a with his shoes blacked looks just as well Black Diamond Express Monthly; as a white man with a new \$75 suit. An old railread man having been con-He don't mind wearing any white man's verted, was asked to lead to prayer. The

me. And you know the colored man, if

shine and almost wait for the victuals to nal happine come to him -Savannah News.

The Limit of Faith,

Till be said, without a blink; For we only think we think

BRUDDER GARDNER. SOME PHILOSOPICAL REPLECTIONS BY THE COLORED SAGE

De man who am lookin fur trubble kin allus find it. Fur ober 30 y are no thief ober cum about my cabin, but two nights

When de old woman figgered it ou It was dinner time, and Sam looked dat we could buy an icebox far \$1 an be BAGS AND LAND PLASTER any people I know of. They are a heap an meat an milk to run it, I saw dat dere

ng for almost nothing, and, if they don't for disbelievin in Noah's ark I thought good dinner, a regular white man's din- I've bin in de wrong all de time. Mebbe

going around and don't make living cost old woman's simplicity in lealin de

A RAILROAD MAN'S PRAYER. To prove that railroad men really do

wonderful people. Anybody's clothes pray sometimes, Charles S. Lee, general colored man with your clothes on and has placed the following on record in his

"Then, boss, you know a colored man feet from the rough road of life and "Then, boss, you know a colored man feet from the rough road of life and plant them safely on the deck of the He can be right down here and train of salvetion. Let me use the safesleep. This plank is good enough for ty tamp known as produces, make all sleep.

link of Thy lave, and let my hand lamp he is civil and handy, can get lots of be the Bible and, Heavenly Father, keep good things from white people for noths all switches closed that lead off the siding. I mean from people down this way, ings, especially these with a blind end, up the country. I ain't got a thing on semathere block along the line show may make the run without stopping. "Yes, boss, e-dated people is the Lord's And, Lord, give us the ten command

fault. The colored man, sah, is just what the Universe, say, "Well done, thou good



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