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THE HARDENED SINNER TREMBLING.

A Sermon, preached in the First Presbyterian Church, Wilmington, N. C., Sunday night, July 27th, 1873, and reported for the "Recorder."

ACTS XXIV, 25.—And as he reasoned of right-cousness, temperance, and judgment to come, Felix trembled, and answered, Go thy way for this time; when I have a convenient season I will call for thee.

#### INTRODUCTION.

Many persons seem to suppose, that very corrupt men have lost all power of feeling. It is often a mistake. They are frequently struck with fear when specially wrought upon. Few men have utterly lost the power of trembling in view of the consequences of their own wrongdoing. Voltaire was so wicked as to say, and try to prove, that it was right to lie. He said that it was the duty of great politicians to deceive the people. He hated Christ so intensely, that, when he uttered the name "Jesus," he would add the blasphemous words, "curse the wretch." Yet we are told, that when Voltaire was on his dying bed, he sent for a Priest, and was i the most harrowing agony of fear. The most foul-mouthed infidel and blasphemer that I ever knew, would tremble, and make the fairest promises when he was seriously sick, and afraid that his end was near.

Felix was a hardened sinner, and yet he trembled. Let us consider (1) the nature, (2) the grounds, and (3) the results of his trembling. Notice then.

I.--- HOW HE TREMBLED.

It was not in view of the enormity of his sins as such. Not because these sins were offensive in the sight of a holy God. This is proven by the fact, that he continued to practice his villanies. If his trembling had been on account of the sin itself-if

III.-THE RESULTS OF HIS TREMBLING. the pocket of the church on behalf of Bro. (1.) Did not give up his injustice. Exreme meanness of his subsequent conduct in keeping Paul, in hopes of being bribed. (2.) Did not give up his impure life with the infamous Drusilla.

(3.) Did not refuse the truth. Few men do refuse it. They say it is a good thing; they censure Christians for not living up

(\*.) He postponed. Cheated conscience Sold out the little remnant of his moral life. His infamous paramour afterwards

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perished in an eruption of Vesuvius. Let us learn the lesson that "He that, being often reproved, hardeneth his neck, shall suddenly be destroyed, and that without remedy."

# For the Recorder. WHAT EDUCATION DOES.

The Church at Sandy Run were, twentyfive years ago, worshipping in a large, comfortless building at a point two miles removed from any leading road, and almost inaccessible at times on account of the roughness of the route and the difficulty of getting persons in the neighborhood to unite their forces to keep it in order. They had been favored for fifteen years with the services of Father Snead, a good, Godfearing man, but not at all competent to train the flock committed to his care. His views of Scripture were correct, so far as they went, but they were very limited. He repeated his sermons; so that many of

the congregation knew portions of them as well as he did. His chief aim seemed to be to have a successful protracted meeting. once a year. The church had increased, under his ministry to 300 from about 100 members. Their worldly condition was somewhat above the average. They were generally prosperous, and there were not more than two or three really poor persons among them. Bro. Charles Mann was perhaps the most liberal and active member. About four times a year he endeavored to stir up the brethren to contribute to the pastor's support, and he always headed the list with \$5. By dint of hard work and not a little scolding he managed generally to get the amount raised, in the course of the year to \$35 or \$40. For this amount Father Snead always thanked them and contrasted their liberality with that of other churches which he served. Their contributions to Missions (for it was a thoroughly missionary body) amounted yearly to \$12 or \$13. Of this, Bro. Mann usually gave \$5. Two or three unsuccessful attempts had been made to establish a Sunday School. Operations in this line, after great efforts, usually commenced in July and ended with the first cool spell in October; by which time too, strange to say, the spelling books and question books for the classes generally made their appearance. About the year 1850, Dr. Samuel Wait, passing through that neighborhood, prevailed on Bro. Mann to send his son, then a lad of sixteen, to Wake Forest College. James was not a bright boy, but possessed good hard sense and an observant eye. audience, making himself "all things to all During his connection with the College he professed religion. Attending all the church meetings, he learned how church An understrapper of the subjugating power | business should be transacted; and being -formerly a slave-just such a creature as an attentive listener in the Sunday School, he might have been expected to be under he soon learned much of the Bible. His course was cut short in the Sophomore year by the death of his father, whose essence," he "plays such fantastic tricks place, at the age of twenty, he was called upon to fill at home.

Yates; and I succeeded in collecting without any difficulty \$68, the brethren asking me to return later in the season, when they expected to be able to increase the amount. And now, in 1873, Bro Mann writes me to come over in September and assist him in raising the subscription of the church, to the Endowment fund from \$800, the point he has reached, to \$1,000. I will either go myself or send a better collector. Perhaps Dr. Wingate may be induced to go

> The brethren have heard much of him there through Bro. Mann, and are anxious to see him. By way of encouraging him to to do so, I will add that the church at Briar Creek, and also at Pine Level in that same neighborhood have been visited by Bro. Mann, who has operated in his quiet way among them, and they are reported as ready to do the extent of their ability. They say that if Wake Forest has sent out twenty such men as Bro. Mann, it is a privlege to them to help it on. I am just writing them a letter, in which I take oc-

casion to say that I know of at least fifty such men, not in the ministry, scattered over this and other States who were sent out from Wake Forest-men who are doing just such work. But I close this imperfect sketch, promising to furnish another shortly, if you please. W. F. C.

> For the Recorder. OLD WINES FROM OLD BOTTLES.

I purpose to send you occasionally a draught from one or another of several old bottles, which have been standing for years, upon the shelves of my bookcase. And it will not be long, I trust, till each of your readers is constrained to say, no man having drunk old wine straightway desireth new; for he saith he old is better. The cup I send herewith, is offered first to Ministers. This wine was pressed two hundred years ago, by a skillful hand, and evidently out of choice fruit. Here it is : . . Let not the difficulty of our province make us like some, who, when they see they have more work upon their hands than they can well despatch, grow sick of it, and sit down out of a lazy despondency, and do just nothing. He that hath a great house running to ruin, and but a small purse, it is better for him to repair now a little and then a little, than let all fall down, because he cannot do it all at once. Many Ministers may complain of their predecessors, that they left them their people more out of repair than their houses, and this makes the work great indeed. As the Pews, who were to revive the stones out of the heaps of rubbish before they could build the wall, yet it went up, because "the people had a mind to work." O, if once our hearts were but filled with zeal for God, and compassion to our people's souls, we would up, and be doing, though we could lay but a brick a day, and God would be WHO HAVE ATTAINED DISTINCTION IN OTHER STATES.

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MEN BORN IN NORTH CAROLINA,

# Statesmen, Jurists, Divines, &c.

In searching for facts in the personal history of Baptist Ministers, who were born in North Carolina, and have attained eminence in other States, my mind naturally reverted to the many distinguished men, in the various walks of life, who were natives of this State but have achieved reputation beyond her borders. I was surprised to find them so numerous. and will begin this series of articles by adverting very briefly to some of these illustrious names.

It is now settled beyond controversy, I believe, not only that Andrew Jackson read law and practiced law in Salisbury and Guilford County, but that he was born in this State. When a little boy, the writer, in going to Cook's Mill, Meck lenburg County, used to pass by the house in which James K. Polk was born; and Andrew Johnston, it is well known, was a native of Wake County, N. C.

Hon. Hugh Lansen White, of Tennes see, who was a candidate for President in 1836, was a native of Iredell County. Hon. William Rufus King, of Ala., Vice-President during Mr. Pierce's administration, was born in Sampson. John H. Steele, who became Governor of New Hampshire, was a native of Rowan, and a carriage maker by trade.

Gen. Joseph R. Hawley, who has been Governor of Connecticut, and is now a We must member of Congress, and the chairman of the National Centennial Committee. was born in Robeson County and is by profession a printer. Gov. Mosely, of

RALEIGH, N. C., AUGUST 13, 1873. THE REAL TEACHERS. A company oi hunters caught a num-We know and feel that the men and women of this land do not represent their ber of menkeys in the forests of Brazil teachers in science nor morals, nor do they in the following amusing way: represent their teachers who gave them birth, or that fashioned them by daily in-They had a lot of little boots made just large enough to be drawn easily over a monkey's foot, and filled the bottom with pitch. With these they set out for tercourse for life and its duties. They take the child before all other influences the woods, and soon found themselves begin; they keep with the child after other influences are stayed. There are under the trees, where they lively little adult classes in our homes as well as infollows were leaping about among the fant classes. It is feared that we neglect branches, hanging by their tails, swing the adult more than the young. Where does your boy spend his evenings ! With ing themselves easily from one tree to another, and chattering noisily together, whom does your daughter associate ! Do as if making observations upon the you seek to guard them ! Do you restrange visitors that had come into their member that a vile jest, a hurtful look, quarters. The hunters were too wise to or an obscene play may leave its imprint upon the character of a youth, which attempt to catch them by climbing the trees: they might as well have expected

nothing can efface ! One night a girl fresh from a beautiful country home was going out on one of the theatre trains from Boston. She was heard to cry out in agony, "Take me to a baggage car-anywhere! let me be rid of this vile talk." They quieted her. They induced her to go again and again. To-day she is lost. That mother who permitted her child to visit a friend who was oblivious to home duties is guilty of the destruction of the life of her child. In the home the child is taught. Is the parent polite or impolite, cross or courteous, frank or false look at the children and they will tell the story. A little boy was seen imitating the walk of a drunkard. The father cried out, "What are the observervation of the monkeys. Havyou doing, my son ? " Trying to walk as ing replaced their aoots, they hurried father walked last night." On the other away to the thicket of undergrowth not hand, Washington Irving tells us that far off, where they were hidden from the sight of the monkeys, but where they all the children follow the mother in her could see everything that happened unmanner of life and faith. The home soul is the soul that goes with the man or der the trees. They left the small boots woman all over the world. Let us soon all standine in a row. They were no complete our work. sooner out of sight than down from the branches dropped the moneys. They

Two purposes should hold every teacher in thrall. 1. The conversion of the children. 2 Their highest development. In accomplishing these results, something seems to be of primary importance. 1.

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place, and rushed among them. The Every child is different, as every man monkeys, affriguted, at once started for and woman has characteristics that disthe trees, but only to find that they had ish them from others.

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Putting Pitch in their Boots.

### AN ANCIENT FARMER.

#### "The Lord be with you "-his address to the reapers on entering the harvestfield-has the ring of sterling metal. What a contrast Boaz offers to farmers we have known, by whose lips God's name was frequently profaned, but never nonored-their servants, like their dogs. and horses, being cursed, but never bless ed. And in accordance with the apothegm "Like master like man," what shocking oaths have we heard, volleying as it were out of the mouth of hell, from the lips of coarse, animal sensual farm-servants! Boaz never opens his mouth but pearls drop out. His speech breathes forth to snatch a flying bird as to lay hands pious utterance. All his conversation is upon one of these nimble little fellows. seasoned with grace; and though the They had an easier way than this, and result of a divine change of heart, how one much more effectual. They simply natural his religion seems! Not like a sat down under the trees, while the little gala-dress assumed for the occasion, not chatterboxes were rattling on over their like gum-flowers for ornament, but such heads, but never for a moment removing as spring living from the sward : not like their eyes from then. Then they placed an artificial perfume that imparts a pass the little boots where they could be seen, ing odor to a thing that is dead, but the and commenced taking off their own odors exhaled by roses or lilies bathed in boots. Having done this, they let them the dews of heaven. One who could say, "I have set the Lord always before stand awhile near the little boots. All this the monkeys very carefully noticed. me." God is in all the good man's The hunters, now taking up their own thoughts, and his holy name as often in boots, h2vieg carefully looked over them, his mouth to be honored, as it is in others drew them tlowly, one after the other, upon their feet. Not a motion escaped to be profaned.

Though it may have been a common custom to bless the harvest and its reapers, he did it from his heart; nor were they words of course or custom he spoke when, bending on Ruth an eye of mingled pity and admiration, he said: "It. hath been fully showed me all that thou hast done unto thy mother-in-law since the death of thy husband, and how thout hast left thy father, and thy mother, and the land of thy nativity, and art come unto a people which thou knewest not heretofore. The Lord remember thy work, and a full reward will be given thee of the Lord God of Israel, under

As soon as they were fairly in the boots whose wings thou art come to trust." Nor was it only in the language of piety that his pity expressed itself. It did not evaporate in words. We have heard him out spraue the hunters from their hiding eak; see how he

he had seen the sin to be a fearful thing, and had shrunk with horror at it, then he would have been really penitent. A man who hates sin, will turn away from sin. He may fall into it, just as a man who hates snakes may tread on one, and be bitten; but he will not stay with it, nor run after it. Felix's trembling was in view of the punishment due to his crimes. If he had really repented, he would have shown some fruits of it; but he still kept Paul bound, knowing him to be innocent. There is much of such trembling in this world, especially on dying beds; and it is often mistaken for repentance. The genuineness of a death-bed repentance can never be established in this world. I do not say that it is never real; but it can never be proved to be so. I appeal to the unconverted here. Have you not promised in sickness, or in some great danger, to "do better," if the Lord would spare you? Are you making yourself a liar? Are you ashamed of it? That man is in a dangerous condition who can lie to God Almighty, and not even be ashamed of it. Notice,

IL-WHY HE TREMBLED.

(1.) Paul preached righteousness, i. e. justice. He was adapting himself to his men." Felix was an extortioner, cruel, unjust, licentious and base-(Tacitus.) the circumstances. "Drest in a little, brief authority," "ignorant" of his "glassy before high heaven, as make the angels weep."

Two years after Paul's speech, Felix was recalled to Rome; tried for his villaules. found guilty, and escaped the well-deserved brother at the corrupt Roman court. He must have been a most outrageous crimithe vengeance due to his injustice.

restraint, chastity. The word has come to few words added, produced in two years He had enticed Drusilla away from her when James Mann announced that on the

I visited the Church at Sandy Run 1860. James Mann had never rested after his return to the old neighborhood, until he introduced such reforms as he thought penalty of death by the influence of his needed. Being elected Clerk and Treasurer of the Church, he used his office well System and order characterized his records. nal, if even the Roman Government could his collections and his disbursements. He not tolerate him. He trembled in view of prevailed upon his mother to quadruple the family contributions for church and beney-(2.) Paul preached temperance, i. c. self- olent purposes and this example, with very

be greatly perverted now a days. We use such an impression upon all that pastor's it to mean abstinence from intoxicating salary went up to \$300, and Father Snead drinks. We have our "temperance men," moving to the West just at this time, the our "Good Templars," our "Friends of church called a preacher, whose labors Temperance," &c. But "temperance" in among them for good still continue. In the Scripture sense-which is the true 1858, a building for worship was erected sense-means a proper regulation of all our in a more eligible site, and made so compassions and appetites. The truth is that fortable that the Sunday services in winter there are a great many very intemperate are as pleasant as in Summer; and the Suntectotallers. In the matter of personal day School has not suspended operations chastity Felix, was outrageously criminal. | since that cold Saturday in December, 1855

T. R. O. For the Recorder. Greensboro'.

Let the brothren pay for Greensboro' church as soon as they possibly can. Julius Cæsar never considered anything done while ought of it remained to be done. I know not when I was better pleased with a church house than with that in Greensboro'.

with us.

SALISBURY is over 100 years old, and is a very important town. The Baptists should have a years and entered the ministry in this church house and regular preaching at | State. this place. Mrs. Doctor Whitehead, sister of Judge Coleman of Va., and aunt of Minor Coleman, Professor of Latin in .

the University of Va., lives in Salisbury and is a Baptist. Other Baptists are there. This town ought to be cultivated. What prevents our missionaries from preaching there! Let them use the Court House or rent the Masonic Hall. I saw a Catholic who was sent by his Bishop 200 miles to preach to a few Cath-

olics. Why can't we act in like manner and take care of our ship! STATESVILLE has 17 Baptists and should be industri ously cultivated. Our ministers and

naries travelling to and fro can frequently preach in these towns. E. DODSON.

Florida, was a native of Lenoir. Gov. Polk, of Tenn., of Mecklenburg; Bayley Peyton, of the same State, and a man of national reputation, was from North Carlina; so was Gen. Felix K. Zollicoffer, who fell early in the late war. Chancel

lor J. L. Sneed, of the Supreme Court of Tenn., was born in Raleigh, Judge Bragg of Mobile, and Gen. Braxton Bragg were the sons of John Bragg, a carpenter in Warren County, who had the wisdom to educate his boys, and in some respects, an abler man than all of these was Thomas Hart Benton, of Missouri, who was born in Orange County. There are a few names that have risen up before the eye of memory, of the many sons of North Carolina, who have become distinguished in affairs of State beyond her borders. Nor is the list smaller or less brilliant, when we come estimate the number and character of the eminent preachers our State has sent forth to labor in other fields. The Episcopal Church is small in North Carolina, but she has given an unusually large number of Bishops to other dioceses.

Bishop Polk, of Tennessee, was born in Raleigh, and in the main building of the Baptist Female Seminary. The prester.-S. S. Times. ent Bishop of Georgia, John Beckwith. was also born in this city. Bishop Davis, of South Carolina, a man of sainted piety,

was a North Carolinian, so was Bishop Hawks, of Missouri, Bishop Green, of Miss., Bishop Freeman, of Arkansas, and a greater man by odds than either of them Dr. Francis L. Hawks, who died only few years since in New York, was born in North Carolina, practiced law for some

Bishop Paine of Alabama, an honored name among Methodists, was born in Person County. Dr. Wadsworth, a very distinguished Methodist preacher of Ala bama, was born in Craven, and Dr. J. E. Edwards, a gentleman of fine reputation in the Virginia Conference, was born in Guilford County.

I am not so familiar with the great names of the Presbyterian Church, but as that Church has always had an unusually large number of learned and able men in its ministry at home. I have no doubt that it has contributed its full truth of it. Seated with her modest quota of eminent laborers in other parts of the great vineyard which the South and West have afforded.

The men with whom the Baptists have enriched other States have been peculiarly great, and it shall be the special object You may pray without saying any of this series of articles, to sketch their words; and you may say many words with- lives, and illustrate their virtues. We

child it is essential that the home be visited, and that the character of the home be ascertained; the associations, the habits, the acquirements of the child are all embraced in the words, "know the child." We must, second,

BELIEVE IN THE CHILD.

In other words, believe that in every individual there is something worthy of low them to the grave .-- Zions Herald. being brought out. Let a child know that you believe this, and there is no limit to your influence. Who is there that cannot remember that golden moment when ome one, it may have been a father, or mother, or a pastor, or a teacher, gave expression to this faith? Confidence placed something in you, which you would not have lost for worlds. Every child naturally feels friendless. He is in a great world, all unknown to him. Possibilities are all about him. Perils beset him behind and before. The child wants to put his hand in the hand of some lov ing friend, in whom he can confide, and to whom he can trust his interests. That friend is absolute in power and control over him so long as he returns his confidence and faith. Here lies the danger. Homes are closed to these stranger youth Reputation, a thing of slow growth character, a fact difficult of acquirement must be secured before the entry is obtained to circles of society worth the having; while rum-shops, theatres, brothels all stand wide open, and through their representatives invite the unwary to en-

Thistles in the Heart.

Bad habits are the thistles of the heart and every indulgence of them is a seed from which will spring a new crop of weeds. A few years ago a little boy told his first falsehood. It was a little solitary thistle seed, and no eve but God's saw him as he planted it in the mellow soil of the heart. But it sprung up, oh, how quickly I and in a little time another and another seed dropped from it to the ground, each in its turn bearing more seed and more thistles. And now his heart is overgrown with this bad habit. It is as difficult for him to speak the truth

as it is for the gardener to clear his land of the ugly thistle, after it has once gained a footing in the soil. "Lying lips are an abomination to the Lord, but they that deal truly are his delight."-The Ohild's World.

#### Bible in the Heart.

A poor Italian woman, a fruit-seller. had received the Word of God in her heart, and become persuaded of the stall at the head of a bridge, she made use of every moment in which she was unoccupied with her small traffic, in order to study the sacred volume. What are you reading there, my good woman ?" said a gentleman, one day, as he came up to the stall to purchase some fruit. "It is the Word of God," replied the fruit-vender. "The Word of God! Who told you that ?" "He told me so himself."

destroyed their power of elimbing by putting on the boots. So they fell an easy prep to their cunning enemies. This is the way thee monkeys were caught. And how many young persons are caught what they see other persons doing, they fall into serious trouble, and often bring upon themselves ruinous habits that fol

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A Little Every Day.

A few of us students had obtained per-

mission to take our meals every day with a private family in the town. We waited for every meal from five to ten minutes : a fragment of time which we usually expended in chatting, joking, and skylarking. A large scientific work, in royal octavo, lay on the table-probably the only book treasure of the house. Several of us expressed a desire to read it, but regretted the lack of time and opportunity. One of number, however,—a silent stu-dious sort of chap—quietly took up the volume, nibbled at the title-page, glanced over the table of contents, and attacked the preface. In a moment more he was called to the table, and after eating, was out with the rest of us. At the next meal he resumed his reading where he had left off; and so on from time to time, pntil the continuency and steady purpose of posed him to many a volley of chaffing Dr. Guthrie. from his companions. He only smiled and went on with his reading, while we went on with our usual chit-chat, until

at last we forgot to notice him at all. The winter passed away; the spring approached; and the last dinner-bell of the term had just left its final clatter in the air, when the young tortoise plodder in the big octavo closed its covers together with an emphatic slap, and an announcement of "the end." All the rest of us had wished to master the book, but hadn't had the time; he, by reading a little three times a day, had transferred its en-tire contents to his head.—*Christ. Union.* 

# Hid by A Thread.

Sir John Herschel, the great astrono ner, was skillfull in measuring the size of the planets and determining the posi tion of the stars. But he found that such was the distance of the stars, a silk thread stretched across the glass of his telescope would entirely cover a star: and more-over, that a silk fiber, however small, placed upon the same glass would not only cover the star, but would con ceal so much of the heavens that the star, if a small one and near the pole would remain obscured behind that silk fiber several seconds. Thus a silk fiber

appeared to be larger in diameter than a And yet every star is a heavenly world, a world of light, a sun shining upon other worlds, as our sun shines upon this world. Our sun is eight hundred and eighty-six thousand miles in diameter, and yet, seen from a distant star, our sun could be covered obscured, hidden behind a single thread, when that thread is near the eye, although in a

Just so we have seen some who never

sleeping by a heap of corn, alone as he supposed, he wakes to find a woman lying at his feet. It is Ruth. Instructed by Naomi, she takes this strange Jewish fashion to seek her rights, and commit in the same way. In their desire to do her fortunes into his hands. There is not in all history a passage more honorable to true religion that the story of that midnight meeting. Silver seven times purified never shone brighter as it looked down on the scene of such a triumph. The house of God, the holy table where, by the symbols of Christ's bloody death, saints have held high intercourse with heaven, never begot purer thoughts than this threshing-floor that night. A noble contrast to such as, disgracing their professions, have received vomen beneath their roof to undermine their virtue and work their ruin. Boaz. in his fear of God and sacred regard to a poor gleaner's good name, is a pattern to all men. Ruling his own spirit, he stands there "better than he that taketh a city." He is enrolled among the pro genitors of the Messiah; nor, take him for all in all, was there one in the list of whom Christ had less cause to beasham ed, one more worthy to be the ancestor of an incarnate God-of him who was "holy, harmless and undefiled, separate his occupation attracted attention and ex- from sinners."-Studies of Character, by

He is Able.

God is able of these stones to raise up eed to Abraham.

Able also to save them to the utter most that come unto God by him. What he has promised he is able to

perform. Able to make all graces abound toward you, that you, having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work.

I commend you to God, and to the word of his grace, who is able to build you up and to give you an inheritance among all them that are sanctified.

Able to keep that which I have com mitted unto him.

Able to keep you from falling, and present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy. Able to succor them that are tempted.

Able to keep all whom the Father hath given him, so that he will lose not

Able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think.

Believe ye that he is able to do this!

Roll Call in Heaven.

An incident is related by a chaplain who was in the army during one of our hard-fought battles. The hospital tents had been filling up fast as the wounded men had been brought to the rear. Among the number was a young man mortally wounded, and not able to speak. It was near midnight, and many a loved one from our homes lay sleeping on the battle field, that sleep that knows no. waking until Jesus shall call them.

The surgeons had been their rounds

